twenty pence

EEC budget dispute near solution despite financial risk

impromise in the dispute over size of Britain's EEC budget ibution appeared likely as s of government of the Nine in Luxembourg yesterday. ould be based on a French financial crisis.

proposal to pay the British contribution at the 1979 level of about £520m for three years, about half the estimate for this year. despite fears of precipitating a

Plan to peg British payments

se compromise in the dis-ver the size of Britain's ution to the EEC budget by began their spring meeting here today. But loing they risked plung-Community into a new

Thatcher and her EEC ues were reported to be ing a French proposal vould involve pegging 's net contribution to the at the 1979 level of £520m for three years, review of the situation end of the third year.
would compare with the tribution of more than which Britain would to pay this year as things and thus imply a reducslightly less than £600m. wember, in Dublin, Mrs r demanded a reduction

sources expressed in the proposal, but it the envisaged level of nion was still too high. was also some doubt the French were prothat Britain's contribupuld be held at exactly te level as in 1979, or or inflation.

sources made clear settlement on the would be dependent on ement by EEC agricul-nisters, who were hold-

icized

MP at

ich march

u had gradually but

seen the emergence of

d police along the lines French riot police, Mr Meacher, Labour MP

ram West, told a gather-frafalgar. Square yester-

ld to commemorate the

i Mr Blair Peach a year

heacher said the rise

Special Patrol Group in ntry was a trend which ring up class confronta-

fomenting race hatred.

has happened secretly

i-democratically, with no Parliament and no pub-

ultation on the matter.

agent of the Tories in-

speakers at the Tra-Square rally repeated acher's call for the dis-

at of the Special Patrol

and for a full public

into the death of Mr during an anti-National

iemonstration in South-

ally was preceded by a from Hyde Park, in

people took part, and d Yard 3,500. The police

hat it was peaceful tration with only five ands" arrested in Park

) few Labour Party and

mion banners, most of the

waters seemed to come

ar-left political groups, st prominently displayed I Trafalgar Square were

of Cardiff-International

Group and the Revolu-Communist Party of Marxist-Leninist).

nother large demonstra-

London yesterday rival of Muslim students in Hyde Park Police

at figheing broke out be raqi, Syrian and Iranian s before the start of a solidarity march to pro-

overnment in executing

but no one was hurt.

the initial scuffles,
1,000 students marched

illy from Hyde Park to

in attacked: Mr Martin

Peach inquest, page 2

elga: Square.

organizers estimated

one further arrest

above the level proposed by the that limit, would be breached European Commission.

President Giscard d'Estaing settlement because of heavy was also understood to be inbourg, April 27

President Giscard d'Estaing is of government of the was also understood to be inappeared to be moving sisting that France must have

guarantees of protection for its sleep farmers, against cheap British lamb-imports. This would entail maintaining market prices for lamb above minimal levels at the expense of Community taxpayers and

Consumers.
Signor Giovanni Marcora, the
Italian Agriculture Minister and chairman of the meeting, was seeking support for an average 4.5 per cent increase in farm prices, including increases of 3.6 per cent even for products such as milk, sugar and beef, which at present are being heavily overproduced.

Although still formally de-ending the long-standing fending . fending the long-standing British demand for a price freeze on surplus products, and no more than 2.4 per cent on average for other produce. Mr Peter Walker, the British Minister of Agriculture, was expected to soften this stance, on instructions from Mrs Thatcher, a satisfactory budget deal. was offered.

The West Germans, however, produced figures purporting to show that the EEC simply could not finance the kind of budget and farm price deal en-visaged within the existing limit on Community revenue. The only expandable element is value added tax, which for Community purposes cannot be levied at a rate of more than

tion of the embassy.

on the flight to Cuba.

officials.

The 15 guerrillas, members of the M-19 group, flew to Havana after agreeing terms

with Colombian Government

They were holding 16 diplomats as hostages in Bogota, and at least 11 of them went

Among them was Mr Diego Asencio, the United States Ambassador to Colombia, who

was flown on to Florida shrotly after his arrival in Havana.

Mr Asencio said at Havana: "After the initial 72 hours, which was a very difficult and

dangerous period, I was treated

sector, thus leaving no money with which to finance the extra Community expenditure in Britain that would be needed to reduce the British budget deficit.

The only qualification, the Germans offered of this gloomy prognosis was the possibility that the agriculture ministers might agree to accept a punitive tax on surplus milk production, but this was generally considered to be out of the

question.
European Commission officials shared the German alarm, though they took a slightly more sanguine view of the state of the EEC's resources. They calculated that the propose farm price settlement would still leave more than £1,000m of revenue this year out of which to finance a reduction in Eritain's contribution.

Commission officials agreed, however, that even on the most optimistic. forecasts revenue would run out hear year and face the Community with a new crisis. It has been a cardinal principle of all discussion by member states of the budget dispute so for that any settle-ment must be contained within the 1 per cent VAT limit.

A ceiling on Britain's net contribution of the kind proposed by France would have the advantage of isolating Britain from the purely budget

hostages on February 27 when

they stormed the embassy dur-

ing a reception. Fort-two of the bestages were later released.

Diplomats said that the breakthrough in the embassy

siege came yesterday when the

guerrillas agreed to drop de-mands for the release of their

jailed comrades. The guerrillas:

accepted government guaran-tees that the trial of about 200

suspected M-19 members would

be supervised by the Inter-American Human Rights Com-

mission.—Reuter.

1 per cent. ary consequences of a high farm According to the Germans, price settlement. rol group Bogotá siege ends with Cuba flight

Havana, April 27.—The very correctly, very amiably, guerfilliss who occupied the very cordially. So there were not any major problems after the initial period."

The guerrillas are rhought to The first of the three Libyans to die was Mr Muhammad Ramadan, a journalist, who was shot as he left the Central Mosque: in Regent's Park on Friday April 11. He was apparently warned three days earlier. before boarding the flight to that he was a likely target for They originally seized 58

> The third victim was Mr Mahmoud Abbu Nafa, a lawyer, who was shot dead at his office in Kensington last Friday.

from their jobs and put before



Return or die' warning to Libyans

By Michael Knipe Colonel Gadafi, the Libyan leader has issued a "final warning" to what he called the survivors of the pravious re-gine living abroad to return home immediately or "be liquidated "..

The inference is that Libya's revolutionary authorities are accepting responsibility for the killing of three Libyan exiles in Europe in the past two weeks. Two of the assassinations occurred in London and one in

Addressing caders at a military academy in Tripoli, Colonel Gaddafi said that the Libyans abroad should go immediately to Libyan People's Bureaux (diplomatic missions) which would facilitate their return home as the final and only chance of saving themselves."

He added: "Either these people return to the Jamahiriyah (republic) or they are doomed wherever they might be. Her all be warned. And those who do not take heed of this warning have only themselves to blame."

an Arab assassination squad.
Eight days later Mr Abdul Geli
Aref, a husinessman, was shot,
while sitting in a cofe in Rome
and died in hospital.

The shootings toincide with a widespread campaign in Libya in which a significant but undetermined number of promi-nent figures have been taken revolutionary tribunals accused of corruption.

Shocked US reporters see ayatollah pick through packaged bodies

Iran puts Americans' burnt remains on show replays of the spectacle pre-

From Tony Allaway

Tehran, April 27 The behaviour of an Iranian Mission failure details clergyman in the full glare of American television cameras tonight looked likely to set the Iran crisis on an even more critical path.

Ayatolialı Sedeq Khalkhali, a religious judge, renowned for the pride he took in ordering more than 300 revolutionary executions, picked his way piece by piece through the charred remains of Americans killed in. Friday's abortive rescue

Newspaper journalists were: barred from the extraordinary spectacle inside the occupied United States Embassy in centrol Tehran, but news agency and relevision reporters, who were allowed in, emerged with distinct sense of shock. "It was the most gruesome thing I have ever witnessed", a reported for one of America's-

leading television networks said, it put anything I witnessed in Vietnam to shame." At several points the ava-tollah was said to have been "giggling and spickering" as he worked his way methodically through nine cloth and plastic packages of the bodies. The

packages of the bodies. The Americaus are said to have died in a fire after an aircraft and a helicopter collided in the Iranian desert on Friday.

Helped by some of the student militants holding the American hostages and by Reviewing the annual collections are annual collections.

Oman links denied Protection for Gulf embassy

Leading article

tollah plucked out charred pieces of the bodies to show to tthe reporters. At one point he uncovered a rib cake, almost stripped of flesh. A Revolutionary Guard used a penknife to pluck a jaw bone from another package.

Then Ayarollah Khalkhali reached in with the penknife to

bring out a blackened shape that he said was an arm. Sup-porting his opinion was a watch

to his mose to ward off the steuch o fine bodies, the ayatollah then produced a charred object which he pronounced to

Claiming that there were nine bodies instead of the eight servicemen. President Carter says were killed in the of Iran's unsuccessful mission, the view beconstant declared. "This is a lar amon skull. There are nine heads. Iranians. Naibe Mr Carter will say some Of the American beauty and the says of the says Americans have two heads."

At least one of the three main American networks filming in Tehran said it would be giving considerable coverage to the

the destruction of these people. We brought them here so that you could see the result of Carter's move. These are the documents of the crimes of America ". As he spoke, a Revolutionary Guard once more dug into the carcasses with the penknife, this time bringing out a metal name.

dicted that it would have a shattering effect on American

public opinion.
Ayatollah Tchalkhali, who had

flown with the bodies from the

desert spot 258 miles south-east of Tehran where the Americans

landed, was asked why he had

shown the bodies in this

He replied: "The action of the American authorities led to

around the object.
Cintching a red handkerchief tag bearing the name Lyn Davis. The tag indicated that Davis was a Baptist. Brandishing aeria! photo-graphs allegedly found among the wreckage in the desert the

manner.

ayatoliah also claimed that the Americans were not only plot-ting the rescue of the hostages of Iran's Islamic republic—a view becoming increasing popular among the ever-suspicious

Of the 14 landing points in Tehran, he said, one was ayatollah Khomeini's house, which they intended to destroy. "They wanted to destroy Tehran . . . If God had not come to the nation's help, the Islamic republic itself would event in its evening news pro-gramme. All the American cor-

for his verbal flights of fancy, said there were 30 more American bodies in the desert "in

powdered form ". He said that the crash be-ween the aircraft and the helicopter was stage-managed so that the Americans could destroy their wounded rather than have them fall into Iranian hands. "The aircraft and the helicopter were destroyed by rocket fire, this is what we believe", he said.

Asked what would happen to the bodies, the ayatollah said that they would not be handed to the American Government. Carter could not manage an hotel," he added. They would be given either

to American Roman Catholics. or the Pope, or Greek Arch-bishop Hilarion Capucci, a friend of the Iranian regime.

The avatoliah also showed the burm remains of other equip-ment found in the desert. including armaments and stickers of Iranian aircraft markings, which it is claimed the Americans planned to put on their Relicopters.

Some reports said that Ayatollah Khalkhali had also brought back seven million rials in Iranian currency and documents showing the flight itinerary, found in one of the five helicopters left behind by the Americans. But he did not display these at the embassy. Earlier today the militant

EEC envoys return to Teheran but deadline stands

Luxembourg, April 27 European summit had met to prepare for the Itan crisis to be

The broad two-phase diplo- are not to be applied.

matic and economic sanctions President Giscard d'Estaing against Iran agreed here last commented as he arrived today

week will continue. Never that the summit would show uxembourg. April 27 theless, there is an indication complete solidarity with the against calling a Western sum-The British Ambassador to that the contacts between Americans. mit with President Carter chran and other ambassadors. Washington and the EEC are For their part, the British are present, on the argument that Tehran and other ambassadors Washington and the EEC are of the Nine will be back in now much closer, and that the post tomorrow, it was stated in EEC foreign ministers have Luxembourg today after the advised that diplomacy in foreign ministers attending the Tehran should be given a European summit had met to chance to get the hostages to prepare for the Ican crisis to be safety. But the deadline remains discussed by heads of govern- May 17 for the release of the

hostages if Community sauctions.

For their part, the British are fully accepting the American limited rescue attempt and re-sort to military attack. There is a clear determination that the Nine should stand firm with the

United States, although nobody denies that the economic cost may be incalculable. After dinger tonight, Lord istration will Carrington, the Foreign Secre-consultation

summit meetings raised expectations and could be counterproductive unless diplomatic preparation had ensured a useful agreed outcome.

Nevertheless, the British Government was willing to discuss the calling of a summit, and obviously the American Admin-istration will be brought into

Dispute stops . local papers

No morning provincial newspapers were published in England, Wales and Northern Ireland today because of a dispute involving about 250,000 members of the National Graphical Association. Many of the 4,000 companies em-Association. Many of the 4,000 companies employing printers, general firms and newspaper publishers, are retalizating for the five-week campaign of industrial action by the NGA. The union is threstening to increase disruption of national newspapers that have interests in the Page 2 provincial press.

iydney Bidwell, Labour Baling, Southall, and y other MP apart from acher to take part in rch and rally, said that disappointed that there

Gang warfare kills 9

The army has been called into central Kingston, Jamaica, to help control political gang warfare which has arready claimed nine lives. There are fears that the violence may intensify before the lare summer elections. late summer elections

More Cubans flee

The number of refugees fleeing to the United States from Cuba increased despite heavy seas threatening smail boats in the Florida Strait. The total number of Cuban refugees now in Florida is estimated at 3,000 Page 5.

(Marxist-Leninist).

Ig the march, letters callthe disbanding of the
Patrol Group, demandknow who was respon-Narrow Kennedy win Even after Senator Kennedy's narrow victory in the Michigan caucuses, political experts assuming that President Carter will take r'Mr Peach's death, were in at New Scotland he Home Office, and No. Democratic nomination for the presidential elections—but that he must also win Mr. Kennedy's support Page 6

Baghdad denies report of President's death

Iran announced that President Saddam Rosain of Iraq had been shot dead by Islamic fundamentalists. Denying the report, the Iraqis accused Tehran of wishful thinking. Mr Hussin, they said, was in perfect health and entertaining a visiting president Page 6

Cash for games plea

Mr Denis Howell, the former minister for sport, told a rally in Birmingham that Labour Party members should donate cash to assist British athletes who go to the Moscow Olympics Page 2

Grammar schools threat The fate of the grammar school in most marginal metropolitan districts binges on the results of

the local government elections on Thursday. In all but one area there is expected to be a strong swing towards Labour

Mr Begin rebukes US

Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, has expressed assonishment and regret that the United States did not use its United Nations veto to prevent the Security Council from condemning Israeli actions in Lebanon . 245-T ban urged: Minister of Agriculture is being urged by a farmworker to ban a weed-killer which contains dioxin 2

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Tenerife disaster jet's recorder found

Tenerife, April 27

The cockpit voice recorder of the Dan-Air, Beeing 727 which crashed in Tenerife on Friday, killing all 146 people on board, was, found today.

It is likely to provide a vital rive as to why the pilot did not follow the laid down approach:

Mr Gordon Matthew, who is assisting the Spanish investigators with a seven-man team including dentists, pathologists, and an engineer from the Department of Trade's Accidents Investigation Branch, said: This box is usually one of the greatest contributory factors to the ease of an investigation.

He said there were a number of possible causes for the crash which were being studied; but he refused to say what they were. The investigation was not sufficiently advanced for reasonable conjecture, he said.

reasonable conjecture, he said.

The crash might have been averted had the airport been equipped with radar. Captain Robert Atkins; the airline's flight operations director and chief pilot, said today.

With radar, it would have been possible for ground control to tell the pilot be was off course and heading for mountains. The airport, Los Rodeos, in:

the north of Tenerife, has only radio beacons to help guide aircraft. There is no way that an . The site of the crash, which air traffic controller can alert: indicates the aircraft was a pilot if he misjudges his positravelling in a northerly direc-

Captain Atkins denied, however, that the lack of precision lend support to that viewpoint, radar was a serious difficulty. It would seem that the pilot There was radar-for the Canary completed a loop which he was Islands as a whole, although intending to do before coming that could not detect an eircraft in to land, but did it over the once it flew belond mountains. land instead of over the sea.
"In our view, the airport is all is said that radar equipperfectly safe."

ment could have helped prevent

Captain Aridns said that Dan some of the seven big air Air, which flies about 1,500 crashes which have occurred at people a week to the island, the airport since 1941, including debided before the crash to switch some of its flights to the Continued on page 2, col 5

new airport. Bur it was intended to continue using Los Rodeos. The island's Governor, Senon lesus Lavier Rebollo, says the new airport was built not because of poor safety at Los Rodeos, but because for a few days a year bad weather made the latter unusable. Both air ports were completely safe, he

what was the worst disaster involving a British plane. Cap-tain Atkins dismissed rumours that the plane was instructed at the last minute to head for the airport in the south.

Nor, as had been thought earlier, had there been a "Mayday" call in the last minutes after the plane's final contact with air traffic control.

Investigators today were to nearer determining the cause of

at 13.19, and before it was due to land at 13,30. Captain Atkins said the pilot was experienced, with 14,000 flying hours, and had flown to the island many times, his pre-vious flight being in January. Before joining-Den-Air in 1971, he had flown with the Royal

Navy. The flight's data recorder has been found within the airnas been round within the air-craft tail section, one of the largest pieces of the wreckage, "At this stage it is too early to say whether the under-carriage was up or down but we do know there was no change in flight plan," Captain Arkins said Atkins said.
The site of the crash, which

towards Los Rodeos, seems to

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T, National Front activi-ganizer got a black eye a rally at Corby, Northshire, on Saturday. Fifty were arrested (the Press ttion reports). A counterstration was staged.

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the family television could be

a new Holywood film which

release. The pop music cassette on the stereo system sounds like

the genuine article but comes

from its original producers via

duplicating machines in Italy

criminal industry which has attracted organized crime in the

Shop stewards are to recom-

mend to 1,600 striking Jaguar

workers that they return to

work after a settlement formula way reached last night at the end of 16 hours of negotiations.

The shop stewards last night

agreed to call a mass meeting

for tomorrow " in an endeavour

whom work at Jaguar's plant

British Leyland, which had threatened to dismiss the strikers if they had not

returned today, has postponed

the deadline until Wednesday

Under the formula the com-pany is to hold national ralks

at Brown's Lane, Coventry.

secure a return to work".

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at Jaguar

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HOME NEWS.

AUEW plan for Labour reforms urges non-elitist executive and local control of party funds

Ev Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

The bulk of Labour Party funds would pass from the control of the National Executive Committee into the hands of constituency organizations under a far-reaching plan drawn up by leaders of the Amaigama-

The plan, which suggests a new composition for the NEC, proposes that unions should pay jacal branches to constituency parties instead of centrally to party headquarters.

The suggestions are contained a seven-page document approved by the union's executive. It will not be made public until it is released to the 52 members of the union's policy-making national committee.

The committee will probably debate it in Blackpool tomorrow, two days before it is due be addressed by Mr James Callaghan, the party leader.
Assuming the document is approved by the right-wing dominated committee, it will form the basis of the union's evidence to the Labour Party commission of inquiry and resolutions seeking to commit the union's party conference dele-cation to the left-wing line on the three central issues which divided the 1979 party con-ference will fall.

The executive of the AUEW, which with 1,200,000 members is Britain's second biggest union, opposes changes in the method of electing the party leader, mandatory reselection of MPs by party general management committees and management committees an NEC-drafted manifesto.

The role of the union at last year's party conference was critical when it voted against the first change and for the two latter ones.

What is unexpected, however, is the extent to which the union calls for a "surgical operation" to end the "elitist" tructure and rebuild a party ci mass membership through

Proposals for reforming elec-tions to the TUC General Coun-

cil which are opposed by the

Transport and General Workers'

Union (TGWU) were shelved

for the time being at a meeting

The day-long meeting of the

finance and general purposes committee, could not reach agreement on the plan, which

could mean general secretaries

of small unions losing their

seats in favour of wider repre-

sentation for the larger unions.

asked for alternative proposals

to be drawn up by TUC staff

and put before a later meeting

of the committee. The ques-

tion on the general council has

Mr Howell seeks

to support games

Mr Denis Howell, shadow

sports minister, yesterday called on the Labour movement

to provide the funds to assist

Eritish athletes still going to the Olympic Games in Moscow. It was not a clarion call that will be trumpeted by all his

colleagues. There was a strong

indication last night that the

party's National Executive Committee, which approves of the games, would not lead it

Mr Norman Atkinson, the

party treasurer, said he did not see how the NEC could back

such an appeal, particularly at

a time of financial stringency.

eral council had endorsed the appeal. He told a May Day

rally in Birmingham that there

must be collections in every

place of work over the next two weeks to provide the "des-perziely needed" money.

"It will be unforgivable if some western leaders and sports

administrators succeed in destroying the Olympic Games without securing peace in Afghanistan. If that happens their shame will be endless.

week let us hope they have learnt the lesson that unques-

tioning loyalty to your friends

ing nuclear submarines bave

run into difficulties over safety

issues. The local authorities in

the area have asked the Atomic

Energy Authority for an assess-

The Ministry's scheme involves liftin gsubmarines out of

the water and connecting high-

pressure hoses to the cooling

circuits of the power reactors. But the normal assessment of

public safety made by local

authorities for such a proposal are not available to the plan-ning committees of Barrow-in-

Furness and Cumbria County

As with all Crown property

developments, the project is not

subject to licensing by the

Factory Inspectorate, or the

provisions of the environmental

protection laws. Yet the trans-

ment of the nuclear hazards.

After the events of this

Mr Howell said the TUC gen-

tion of women's repres

also to be resolved.

Labour cash

By Michael Hatfield

Political Reporter

any endorsement.

for the party.

Instead the union leaders

"inner cabinet", the

By Our Labour Staff

in London yesterday.

local organizations".

The union leaders say the party is faced with the alternaof being a small one which concentrates on policy with a massive structure of committees, sub-committees and study groups producing endless Union of Engineering amounts of paper and state-ers. ments", or being a "mass party of the workers in which millions can participate".

The document adds: "We believe we should pursue this alternative "

To that end it suggests constituency affiliation so that the union political levy can be used to provide "many more welltrained well-equipped organizers throughout Britain constantly developing party membership and participation amongst the millions of trade union members and party sup-

It comments that the party, facing a deficit of nearly £1.5m by the end of next year, has only 69 full-time agents compared with 300 in 1950.

The main proposal is that after paying their affiliation fees unions would be allowed send an agreed number of delegates to a general consti-tuency meeting which should be held at least twice a year and from which the general management committee would he elected. It would, however, he to the wider general meeting that an MP would have to go to seek backing under any reselection pro-

By so doing the document ays, an MP "should confisays. an Mr short and dentity seek such endorsement of the free from the worry of the ganging up of a small nucleus of people to vote against him/ her as the general meeting would have hundreds of ordiconstituency members present

The radical proposals in the document have been collated by Mr Gerry Russell, the union's representatives on the party NEC, but most of them bear the unmistakable imprint swept away on a hostile tide".

general secretary of the TGWU, who is often aligned on the

general council with general

secretaries of smaller unions

whose militant policies are

more in line with the transport

workers than more moderate

unions such as the General and

Mr David Basnett, general

secretary of the GMWU, said

after yesterday's meeting that

any election reform was un-likely to be put before this year's Trades Union Congress.

General secretaries are to hold consultations within their

unions before a meeting of the

committee next month.

Knuckleduster

Lord Chalfont

Lord Chalfont, former Minis-

attack on

vision programme.

(GMWU).

Workers'

from party headquarters to of Sir John Boyd, the union's

general secretary, a veteran of internal battles in the party and one of its former chairmen. Sir John and his colleagues make clear their belief that a strong local organization with full-time agents with decent wages who could spend their time organizing and not running raffles and sweepstakes to exist" provides the best chance of bringing what they see 25 the moderate opinions of the majority of Labour supporters bear on the party's policies.

In a no less controversial proposal they suggest that the NEC, composed of 29 members of whom 12 are union representatives, should be changed into a 45-strong body, meeting no more than six times a year and composed in equal thirds MPs and lay activists.

The union representatives would be elected by union delegates to the annual party conference, the MPs from the Parliamentary Labour Party, while the "lay activists" would consist of 11 regional representations and local sovernment sentatives, two local government ones, one elected from the party's women's conference and one Young Socialist member.

In view of the party's desperate financial problems the document says the party treasurer would cease to be a political office and would be selected on the basis of who is best qualified for this job ". The document notes that in the general election last May,

Labour lost much of its tradi tional support among skilled workers and other trade unionists. "As Britain's economic plight under the Conbecomes desperate and the social tensions uglier it gives extremists on both the right and

the left their opportunity. A strong Labour Party can resist tthose pressures "but a weak Labour Party turned in on itself, riven by faction fighting,

a union's membership.

member

with the unions on a new appeals procedure for detaling with re-grading disputes. The company intends that the final **TUC** discord on poll procedure stage of the procedure will be a panel with an independent chairman and that Jaguar Opposition to the proposals general council and the GMWU grievances will be treated as would get three. Unions with a membership of more than 100,000 would automatically get In addition, a joint working

appointment of a working

group to draw up a constitu-

Talks between the 44,000-nember Merchant Navy and

and the Radio and Electronic

tion for a single new union.

Officers'

party is to be set up under Mr John Egan, the chairman of a seat and further representa-Jaguar, in an attempt to find tion would be based on a rising ways of increasing pay through improved productivity and bonus schemes. Merger plans: A merger of two unions in the Merchant Navy has moved closer with

About 3,000 laguar employees joined the strive by 18,500 BL workers which started after Easter in protest at the imposition of the company's controversial pay and working conditions

When that strike ended 11 on the runway with the loss of military splendour, and press days ago after national agreement with union leaders, the 1.600 remained out because of Onean has sent a message of funds for social needs. Officers Union, which has 4,000 The plan would guarantee the unions says the new constitu- grade at Jaguar; that is now TGWU five seats on the tion should be drawn up soon. reserved for skilled employees.

Farmworker tells minister to speed ban on dioxin

ter of State at the Foreign Office, was artacked in London on his way to record a tele-He said yesterday: "My wife and I were driving along the King's Road on Friday evening. rains dioxin contaminant.

I was going to the American Broadcasting Company's studio "The road was blocked. Police were already dealing with a disturbance so we turned off the main road. Our way was blocked by youths, one of whom kicked the car. "I got out to try to clear a

path and was promptly attacked by a skinhead with a knuckleduster. I got a fairly good bash-ing a black eye, lacerations and bruises before the youth ran off and I managed to get back into the car."

He was treated by his wife, who is a doctor.

Parachutist's escape Mr David Evans, aged 30, of

Maddocks Close, Sidcup, Kent, sustained back injuries when his parachute failed 3,000 ft up. He was saved by his emergency parachute.

Radio 3 cutback

Radio 3 programmes will end at 11.15 pm, instead of mid-

By Annabel Ferriman growth appeared on his neck, and within a year he died." Mr Thomas pointed out that Health Services Correspondent A farmworker has urged Mr

Peter Walker, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, to stop "dithering" and ban the weedkiller 245-T, because it con-

Mr David Thomas, a farmworker from Yelvertoft, Northamptonshire, whose case was cited in a dossier about the weedkiller drawn up by the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers, said in a letter to the minister that he believed that his family and other families had been seri-

ously affected by it. "My wife Margaret has had two miscarriages and two near miscarriages. Also one of our daughters was born with a blocked urethral tube and en-

larged kidney.
"My wife is now expecting our third child in July. I have good reason to suspect the weedkiller 245T as I have used in my work for at least the past 12 years."

He said he knew of other cases in his neighbourhood. Two farmers wives had had several miscarriages and a farmer's sous had been born with "deformed waterworks" Those farmers had also used

" A good friend of mine while

Farmers, farm workers and others are in a dilemma as to whether to use 245-T or not. For some reason you seem to be dithering.

The ministry denied that there had been any time-wasting on its part. "Last Novem-

ber, the minister invited the union to send him details of their case against 245-T. "The union's dossier reached

the minister nearly four months later on March 12, and on March 18 Mr Walker presided over a meeting between the union's general secretary and the chairman of the advisory committee on pesticides to set up arrangements for the committee to examine the dossier, including individual case

"It was agreed the first step would be for union representa-tives to meet the scientific subcommittee of the advisory com-mittee, but so far the union has not been able to take up dates offered."

The committee had twice investigated the use of 245-T and found it safe, the ministry said. The weedkiller 245-T contains dioxin, which was developed by Americans as a defoliant and used in the Vietnam war. Its use and allies is not the best service night, from next Saturday, as using a knapsack sprayer had has been banned in many parts you can render to them", he a result of the BBC economy 245-T splash on his neck, a few of the United States, in Scan-

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter In Victorian households the In both " andio crime" and piano often held pride of place. video crime" three factors On winter evenings families

have encouraged the operations gathered to play and sing the latest songs. The sheet music One is the weakness, even nonexistence, of copyright laws in many countries. A second is

they used was probably "pirated": copies of the legitimate publisher's work run off copies with the development of cheaply and sold on the streets. cassettes and the third is the Although the enactment of profits to be made when neither copyright laws at the turn of the century stifled the sheet royalties nor studio costs have to be mer. music pirates, the growth of In 1979, the British record electronic home entertainment is spawning successors in a

industry estimates it lost £20m in sales through audio crime while in the United States the figure has been pur at between \$250m and \$350m. The oldest figure in the

record industry's rogue gallery of audio criminals is the "boothas not even reached general legger". For many records have been made and sold of artistes' sessions which have officially never been issued. Examples include the songs of a well-known pop and Singapore.

Behind such products lies a group recorded when it was knocking on the doors

No regional morning news-

papers were published in England, Wales and Northern

Ireland today, because of a National Graphical Association

dispute affecting about 250,000

Most of the 4,000 paper and

general printing companies are expected to lock out NGA mem-

bers in retaliation for the five

week campaign of industrial

action by the union. The NGA

is threatening to spread the action to more national news-

Yesterday's News of the

World did not appear because of a walk-out by NGA members.

Mr Joe Wade, NGA general

secretary, said that firms which

have already agreed to the union's demands will be exempt

from any action. The union maintains that 1.760 firms, which employ 27 per cent of

the union's representation in the

The employers are question

ing those figures. The British

Printing Industries Federation

says that about 90 of its 3.750

member-companies have been

industry, have signed deals.

By David Felton

printers.

papers.

Union call to Regional morning papers halted

United States and "heavy-various companies in search of weight" criminals in Britain. a contract.

Crime for pleasure: Lack of copyright and ease of reproduction lead to 'bootleg' casse

But with the appearance of better tape recording facilities the emphasis in bootlegging hasturned to recording concerns and stereo broadcasts on radio. The quality is rarely good and boorlegging has remained the domain largely of the amazeur. His professional colleagues are much more sophisticated.

The art of the pirate and the

counterfeiter was recently disecutive in charge of the annipiracy division of the International Federation of Phonegraphic industries. The cas-settes ranged from a humble Maltese recording described in crude ballpoint handwriting as the work of the "Backtes." an Italian product including a forgery of the stamp used by the Italian authors' society to protect copyright....

Record industry fights to silence £20m pirate market

cluding its packaging. feiting organization.

The main plianing course is main European cent Singapore. At least five large. The bootieg proc producers operate from there, by word of mouth adding their own brand marks, invertisement while adding their own brand marks the initials." GMR" the sign of an open hand and other less like market s logos, to copies of the original. retail prices at ha The market lies in the Far of the legithmate art the Middle East and still a tidy profit to North Airica where dopyright The battle aga laws are negligible.

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eight million record

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sopeared in the mid 1970s when seize procedure und federal legislation in the United - in that time the

States scared producers into groups have given verdumping material this side more organized ope of the Atlantic. The United the investigations a States is being affected by casion become dam counterfesting and executives of a large record retail claim The pirare simply copies the of a large record retail clisin original recording and sells it have recently been indicated in under his own brand while the one case, and this run has counterfeiter aims completely spread to Britain although Raly.

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If the dispute does drag on it could prove costly for both sides. The union is paying £22 a week to members who have been suspended by the news-papre groups and about 50 general printing companies, and although newspaper groups may long dispute; some printing companies, large and small. may find themselves in diffi-

line and the Newspaper Society, which represents 260 companies in the provincial press, said that only two companies had agreed terms with

its campaign in support of its claim for £30 a week minimum earnings and the introduction of a 375-horr week during the next 12 months. The employers have offered a £75-a-week minimum rate and a 373-horr week from July, £382.

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the auspices of the Advisory.
Conciliation and Arbitration
Service at the end of last week
has led both the employers and the union to believe that the dispute may continue for

The union's leaders will meet

in Bedford today to assess the response of companies to the employers' advice to start the lock-out. About 45,000 NGA members will be suspended The union has been pursuing without pay today

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The inquest into of Mr Blair Peach : day at Hammersmit court, London, with running high and the that the hearing, e last four to six wee a record for length. Dr Jokn Burton, nesses, including 4:
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NOON TODAY

message on air crash

disaster in 1977 when two Boeing 747 jumbo jets coilided

sending you our most sincere sympamy.

"We deeply regret the tragic cost of lives and will be grateful if you would convey our sympathy to the relatives of those who have died."

The following list of victims of Friday's Tenerife air disaster was released by Dan-Air:

Crew: Capt Arthur John Whelan Halesowen, Hirmungham: First Office, michael Firth: Ftlight Engineer Baymon Garey, Hasilington ur Crews: and fir-stewardesses, Margaret Royal, Patric Arm Sergean, Kerry Worthington Melanie French and Jame Datton.

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Mr and Mrs E. Hewitt. Billington Avenue. Nowton-le-Willows. Morroy.

Mic: Mr and Mrs B. Hownth. Hall Lene, Wigan; Mr and Mrs C. Hoghes and Istant. Tearrille Road. Liveropol. Mr A. R. Hullbert. Woodland Road. Levershuime. Manchester; Mr and Mrs C. Muscheller. The Grove. Tolley.

The Queen's Shopworkers call for 'jobs without a war He said the Employment Bill

their annual union conference vesterday to resist the Govern-ment's pomp-like ranky for

Mr Joe Wade: Some firms

suspended from membership

for not following the national

exempt from action.

Officers Union, which has 4,000 nemained out because or members, have been going on for some time. A joint statement issued today by the unions says the new constitution should be drawn up soon.

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Oueen has sent a message of the Union of Shop, man, saying: "I have been Distributive and Allied Worman, saying: "I have been grade at Jaguar; that is now greatly distressed to learn of kers, told the conference in the accident to the Dan-Air Boeing 727 at Teneriffe.

"My husband joins me in million unemployed. million unemployed. War rearmament met by public ex-penditure revived industry. The challenge we face today is to restore full employment without

"Mrs Thatcher takes of de-armament and increased de-fence spending. When she is 14 (Our Political Staff reports). not fighting Common Market Broadcasting threat: Delegates not fighting Common Market Broadcasting threat: Delegates

Trade unions were being unions went over the precipice tion reports).

partners or the trade unions, she squares up to the Rus-sians", Mr Tierney said. driven to the edge of a precipice by the Government, which to discuss with other briadcastwas first seeking to weaken the ing unions what action to take
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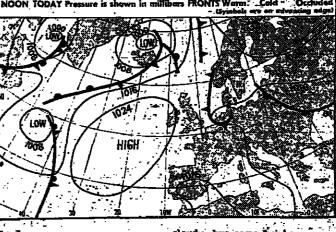
was unnecessary and unfair and gave "political licence to fur-ther subjection of those least able to protect themselves Mr Tierney said the union-had made significant progress toward the introduction of a 35-

hour week, particularly in re-tailing, and the target of ESS ing, stopped when a week as a minimum basic family lawvers. wage had been achieved in many areas Action day call: Teachers who

are members of the Conserva-tive Trade Unionists organization last night called up the rearmament or a war

"Mrs Thatcher talks of rearmament and increased deorganized day of action on Maying and Allied Staff's annual conference in Hastings yesterday passed an emergency reso-

Weather forecast and recordings



cloudy, but some bright or sunny intervals; wind NE, light or moderate; max temp 12 to 14°C. Sun sets : 8.19 pm (54° to 57°F). SW England, N.-Wales : Dry, Moon sets: Moon rises: 5.22 am 6.19 pm sunny intervals; wind NE, light or moderate; max temp. 13°C (55°F). Full Moon: April 30.
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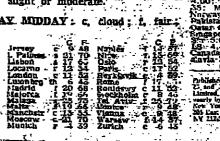
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Nuclear submarine dock plan hits safety snag By Pearce Wright a dry dock creates the equiva-lent of a small nuclear power type that causes controversy at stance, up to 100,000 curies of Science Editor Ministry of Defence plans for station. Canvey Island, and an expan-Under normal circumstances sion of dockside facilities for a new type of dry dock at the project would need a handling nuclear mater safety certificate from the British Nuclear Fuels. Nuclear Installations Inspector- Since the Barrow or Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria for handling nuclear materials for renovating and decommission-

are of the Health and Safety Executive both before it was built, or before it could be brought into operation. It is clear from the safety guidelines of the Nuclear inspector that the type of temporary cooling circuits devised

for the new operations on nuclear submarines would be unacceptable under civil and commercial circumstances.

Moreover the local authority at Barrow, where the Ministry of Defence intends to make its development, has been advised that the project would contribute to an unusually high concentration of hazards for an

urban area. -It would be the third large underraking for which a risk fer of a nuclear submarine into cerear two are an extension of a large concentration of waste of other hazardous waste.

Since the Barrow project is outside the jurisdiction of the Health and Safety Executive, an assessment of the nuclear hazard has been requested by Cumbria County Council from of accident it would the safety and reliability divigreat public hazard. sion of the Atomic Energy Authority.

Nuclear submarines use pressurized water reactors for their power. That principle was the one exploited by the Americans for commercial stations, and is the same as that adop-ted by the Government for the next series of nuclear power stations in Britain. However, the original mari-

that raise serious questions of safety when brought into dry

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radioactive iodine, one of the great biological hazards of radioactive substances. Although this is only one-

tenth of the amount of material created in large power stations, it is in a particularly concentrated form in the submarine reactor. If dispersed because of accident it would create a Because of the stringent space requirements, the fuel

for nuclear submarines is highly enriched uranium 235. Using water as a moderator, it is possible to construct a nuclear reactor of extremely small. size which "burns" up the uranium without replacing it with any significant amount of other fissile materials; or without producing substances like plutonium 239 that is obtained from the commercial variety.

Nevertheless, the compact re-actor produces a high inventory

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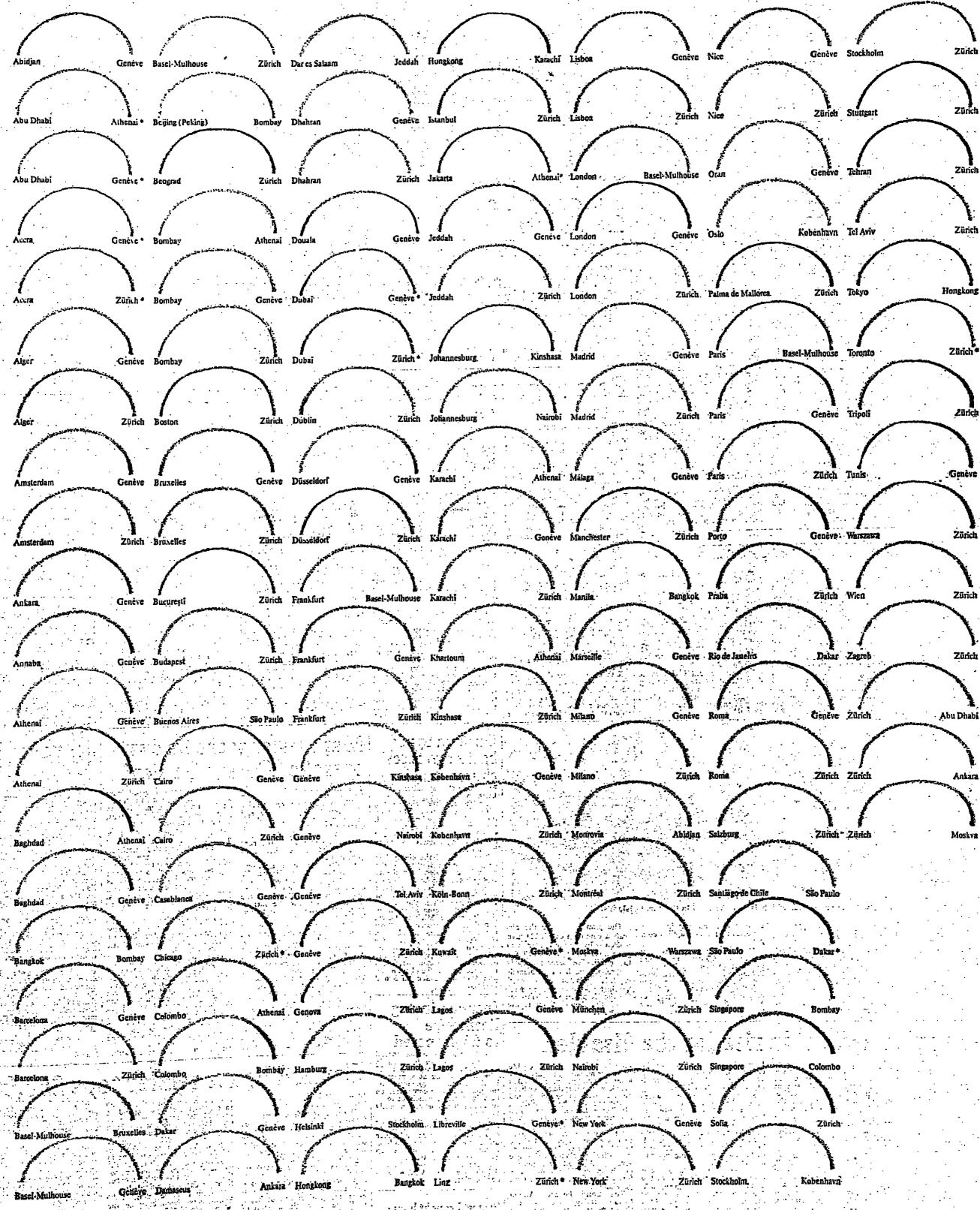
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Move to set up 'wet

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Mr Rees said that Mr Wil-liam Whitelaw, the Home Sacretary, was expected this

week to announce proposals resulting from recommenda-tions made by the May inquiry

Mr Hinton, who was a member of the May committee,

tive measures Mr Whitelaw could take would be to have

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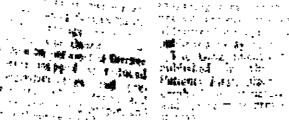
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Service Multi-district great were being troof ormed into single district areas when thousan appropriate hy those at local level. Now the plan was to abolish the 90 area health authorities simultaneously and replace them by between 150 and 180 district health

in pactors authorities.

The authors favour a more decentralized system of decision-making, which the Government also claims to favour, but them which the regional health The things divid servants of the Hinton said.

If would take courage for a ine to have an inspectorate; they think that regional health the system reporting to me." If authorities will emerge from re-organization greatly strength-Courts in custody.

Mr Nichola: Hinton, observer the recommendation was imof the National Council for plemented it would improve

They advocate the replacement of regional health authoriwith regional groups of civil servants sent from the De-partment of Health and Social Security, and representatives of the district health authorities who would meet regularly and discuss matters of common con-

They regret the decision to retain family practitioner com-mittees, which control general practitioners, because this maintains the independence of pri mary care services from the rest of the service, which will come under the jurisdiction of the district health authorities.

The authors of the report also state that Patients First places too much emphasis on hospital and medical services and too little on community care and prevention, in spite of the United Kingdom's poor record in areas like perinatal mortality and coronary heart disease. Health First: A comment

Patients First (Outer Circle Policy Unit, 4 Cambridge Terrace, Regent's Park, London NW1 4JL, \$1.50, plus 21p postage).



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Smoke clouding the Embankment yesterday hours after fire broke out on board the old Caledonia.

Floating pub on the Thames is swept by fire

By Ian Bradley The Old Caledonia, the floating public house and restaurant moored on the Thames near Waterloo Bridge, London, was badly damaged by fire yesterday.

The fire broke out at about 6 am. River police from Waterloo Pier saw smoke coming from the stern of the 230ft vessel and warned the three members of staff leeping on board.

More than fifty firemen using eight pumps and three rescue tenders fought

throughout the morning and early afternoon to bring the blaze under control.

Four fremen were taken to St Thomas's
Hospital to be treated for burns and
smoke inhalation. The Embankment was closed to traffic for most of the day.

Scotland Yard said that there were no

suspicious circumstances surrounding the fire, which appeared to have started in the aft saloon. London Fire Brigade said that the ship was listing badly to starboard but that high expansion foam was used instead of watersin an effort to prevent her sink-ing and there was no imminent danger of

her foundering.

Air Daniel Fleming, manager of the Old Caledonia, said after inspecting the ship that there was considerable internal damage. He said that the bars, and restrurant had closed as usual at 11 pm on Camada, leaving only the greenless trees. Saturday, leaving only-the caretaker trew

the ship were Mr Enrico Canclini, the the snip were Mr. Ellarco Calching the essistant manager, Mr. Neil Barker, a trainee manager, and Miss Fiona Campbell, a barmaid. The ship's dog, Outo, was also rescued by the river police.

The Caledonia, as she was then known was commissioned in 1934 and operated.

The three people who were taken off

until 1969 as a paddle steamer on the Clyde In 1972 she was bought by Bass Charrington and established as the first floating public house in London.

During the Second World war the Caledonia was fitted with antiqueraft guns and was stationed in the Thames as part of the London defences against German V-bombers. She shot down two enemy

Normandy landings.

"She's a beautiful ship", Mr Ffeming said as he surveyed the charged hulk last night. "I only hope we can save her".

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But whatever changes a councils plan to make in their school system, they must first be approved by the Secretary of

grammar school in the light of the Equal Opportunities Act in Wolverhampton went com-prehensive last Stotember. In Liverpool, bath the politi-

cal and the educational position is confused. Labour is nominally in power, but is heavily out-numbered by combined Conservarive and Liberal votes.

A government decision on those proposals is imminent and Mr Carlisle is expected to allow them to go fully com-The seven sided Roman Catholic grammer schools in Liverpool were due to go com-prehensive next year, with four In Walsall, where the Conservatives were in power until a by-election last October, two former direct grant Catholic expect to recruir grammar schools remain, the schools But the recent decision dary teachers, of one of the direct grant able that the schools to join the assisted still further from position in Thursday's election of the direct grant able that the position in Thursday's election places scheme and go independ or eight years. will seek changes for dent has led the church to reconsider its plans In Wolverhampton, another targinal Labour district,

The future of the two county grammar schools is being con-sidered by a council working party.

State; and Mr Carlisle has made school last September were it clear that, within reason, he will follow the wishes of the local parents and nor of the council, whether Tony or Labour. His decisions so far stopped by a parents' applica-tion for a High Court injuncto prevent the council The case is pending.

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cies, amid suggestions that sentences should be made shorter, and waiting lists formed, with "urgent" cases being jailed first and the less serious offender getting his

Flying boat recovery plan at risk

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent An ambitious plan to bring

back to this country for permaneut display what is believed to be the last large British-built passenger flying boat in flyable condition is in danger of foundering for lack of money. The flying boat is a 48-seater Short Sandringham, berthed in the United States Virgin Islands. It was built in 1943 on the Medway by Short Brothers as an RAF Sunderland and was converted into a civilian Sandringham, et Belfast. in 1947.

After a varied career with a number of owners, the Sandringham, now named Southern Cross, was bought in 1974 by Captain Charles Blair, owner of Antilles Air Boats. Captain Elair was killed last year in an accident in a smaller flying boat, and the new owners of his company are not interested in operating the aircraft.

Social Services Correspondent

The Government faces grow-

ing opposition to its proposal

to reduce a planned increase of

benefit payments to 600,000 sick

and disabled people by at least

£1.15 a week. Labour MPs are

expected to press amendments

to try to stop the proposal when

the standing committee on the

Social Security (No 2) Bill

The people affected draw in-

validity pensions because they

have been unable to work for

more than six months due to

sickness or disability. Two-thirds are aged 50 and over, including more than 36,000 over

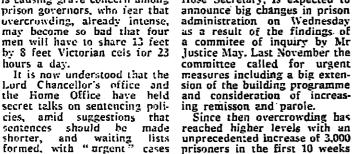
Invalidity pensions are paid

at present at the same rate as-

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retirement age.

By Pat Healy



public confidence in the sys-

He added that he would be interested to see if the Civil

Service had quashed the idea

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Mr Rees, who said that in-

dustrial unrest was one of the

during the prison officers' pro-

tests a number of camps had been made available as part of

Mr Terry Thompson, nember of the Pri

member of the Prison Officers' Association national

executive, said the process of bringing remand prisoners

before the courts must be

He added that about 80 pri-

soners awaiting deportation at

Ashford Remand Centre had

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i.m. Mr Binton said.

secret talks on sentencing poli-Since then overcrowding has reached higher levels with an unprecedented increase of 3,000 prisoners in the first 10 weeks of 1980, not because of harsher sentencing but simply the rise built in the last century for one in crime. There are now 44,800 person.

A bid for the aircraft has

Forum, Dorset, and Captain Ronald Gillies, a former associ-

ate of Captain Blair, who lives in the Virgin Islands. They

have paid a deposit of £15,000,

insurance

which the Government proposes

to raise by 5 per cent less in

November than the 16! per cent

it expects prices to rise. Retire-

ment pensions will receive the

full 161 per cent increase, al-though Mr Patrick Jenkin, Sec-

retary of State for Social Ser-

vices, has hinted in standing

committee that it may prove an

The Government has said it

wants to apply the 5 per cent

cut to invalidity pensions pend-

ing the taxation of the benefit

in 1983. But Mr Jenkin has ad-

mitted that many idvalidity pen-

sioners would not pay any tax if the benefit was taxable now.

The Disability Alliance group

which contains the main dis-

retirement pensions, and are "perpetuating a gross injustice equally disabled people draw-regarded as long-term benefits. on the poorest group of chroning industrial or war disable-but the Bill includes invalidity cally sick and disabled people". ment pensions.

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underestimate of price rises.

been made by Mr Michael Americ Coughlin, of MM Aviation, pany. Charlton Marshall, Blandford Mr

is causing grave concern among. Hose Secretary, is expected to hold 37,000. Mr Brendan O'Friel, branch

to make up the loss."

In England and Wales, more than 18,000 inmates, 40 per cent of the prison population, are

The Short Sandringham, which is now berthed in the Virgin Islands.

but now must find an additional museum can do nothing to £20,600 in a short time to support the project until the secure it, or the machine will boat is back in Britain.

Anger at planned cut in rise for the disabled

Prison overcrowding worsens

chairman of the Society of Civil and Public Servants and deputy governor of Winson Green prison in Eirmingham, said: "If a disturbance or disaster put one large jail out of commission, I suspect it would be impossible for other prisons

living two or three to a cell

go to a rival bid put in by an

Mr Coughlin estimates that

it will cost £100,000 to acquire

the Sandringham, fly it back to

Britain, and restore it. The pro-

Science Museum, but the museum can do nothing to

levy which will affect an in-creasing number of people from

year to year, it says in a brief-

have other sources of income,

but many of those would pay

less tax than the amount by

which the real value of their

benefit is being cut. The alli-ance says it is "an act of cal-lous injustice" to reduce bene-

fit for those who would not pay

Similar points have been

made to Mr Jenkin by both the

Disablement Income Group and Age Concern. Other effects of

the proposal will be to widen the gap between the fit retire-ment pensioner and the sick in-

validity pensioner, and between

the disabled person drawing in-validity pension compared with

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Some invalidity pensioners

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Fate of grammar schools at stake in local polls Government of the day to force power, they will have to conthe council to proceed with the sider the future of the girls assisted places scheme. comprehensive plans was ruled

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When Labour regained con-

trol last year, it immediately

introduced plans to end selec-tion at the five grammar

schools in September this year.

marginal Labour district, Labour could lose support,

having just increased the rates

by 60 per cent. One highly

selective girls' grammar school remains in the town.

Plans to end selection at the

publishing the necessary notices.

Education Correspondent

The fate of grammar schools in eight metropolitan districts hinges on the outcome of the local government elections on Thursday.
Of the 36 metropolitan dis-

tricts in England, only ten; six Conservative and four Labour, still have grammar schools. Trafford and Wirral are solidly Conservative and there the grammer schools will be safe. But the other eight are marginal districts, and in all but one a strong swing to Labour is expected.

In Bolton, the Labour opposition has pledged to abolish the six remaining grammar schools when, as seems likely, it is returned to power on May 1. The entire council is up for reelection.

In Birmingham, where Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has approved plans to restore the Sutton Coldield comprehensive to its former grammar school status, Labour is expected to regain control.

Labour has promised to try to reverse that decision and to turn the city's seven voluntaryaided grammar schools into to power in the local govern-comprehensives. All are con-ment elections of May, 1976. sidering going independent and

The plan is to give the air

it arrives in Britain and then to

operate it for "joy rides" for

the public for several seasons

before putting it on permanent

display, probably at Calshot,

Southampton, the prewar base for the Empire flying boats, of

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"I have to report frankly

that we are appalled by the

proposal to treat contributory

invalidity pensioners who are severely disabled and perma-nently on invalidity benefit less

favourably than fit retirement

The Child Poverty Action

Group today accuses the Government of swindling invalidity pensioners and other

parents on national insurance

benefits of 65p to 75p a child by changing its method of increasing benefits. The total

loss of purchasing power for a two-child family on invalidity pension would be E3.35 a week:

in a letter to Mr Jenkin.

In Calderdale, where the Con-

servatives have a majority of one, it is less clear how the balance of power; will fall between the three parties. But the Conservatives are considering tentative proposals which would chain the status of the seven grammar schools in the Brighouse and Halifax area.

In Kirklees, another Conservative council, the two remaining grammar schools are also far from saie and the expected Labour victory on Thursday would hasten their end. Conservative proposals to end selection at both grammar school were rejected by Mr Carlisle earlier this/year, but a less costly scheme to retain some single-sex schools might win his approval.

Of the four marginal Labour districts. Tameside is probably the most interesting educationally. There, more than any-where else, the grammar schools have been caught up in the political battle.

Those schools, originally due to go comprehensive in Sep-tember, 1976, were "saved" when the Conservatives came

An attempt by the Labour **Durham Synod** backs divorcees'

church marriage From Our Correspondent

Durham
As the result of the casting vote of the Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev John Habgood, Durham Diocesan Synod has voted in favour of divorced people being allowed to marry

The laity and the clergy had each voted in favour of the move by a substantial majority at the weekend. In a separate rote for the bishops the result was 1-1. Then the Bishop of Durham gave his casting vote The Archdeacton of Durham, the Venerable Michael Perry, explained yesterday: "All three votes have to show a majority on the same side for the result to be effective as the decision of synod." The Bishop of Durham said that he would not necessarily be bound by that vote at the General Synod

Increase in dog licence fee to £5 proposed

in July.

A dog warden service spread nationally and an increase in the licence fee from 35p to £5 the Government should decide will be proposed at a meeting in the Commons tomorrow by the joint advisory committee on people whose working lives have been brought to an abrupt and pets in society, which believes that such measures are urgently Mr Peter Large, of the Dis-ablement Income Group, said needed. The aim of the warden ser-

rice is to reduce the number of stroys on the streets and other difficulties such as fouling, motor accidents and sheep worrying in rural areas. About 100 local authorities in Britain have some kind of warden service. . .

Protest brought home

Pensioners and teenagers vere omong demonstrators who protested about Government housing policies on Saturday outside the home near Aber-gavenny, Gwent, of Mr Nicholas Edwards, Socretary of State for Wales.

Manchester seeks its own operatic 'Covent Garden'

By Martin Huckerby

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Theatre Reporter
Within the next few weeks.
Sir John Tooley, the general administrator of the Royal
Opera House, Covent Garden, plans to pick up a sledghammer and start demolishing the rear wall of the Palace Theatre in Manchester.

Manchester:

He does not have anything against the theatre. He will be haking a symbolic starf to the construction of a big stage ex-tension, which will enable the theatre to present the largest of Covent Garden's opera and ballet productions.

The Palace Theatre Trust is going ahead with the extension, as well as building new dress-

ing rooms, a large orchestra pit and many other improvements, because it is determined nothing shall stand in the way of the Palace Theatre becoming a second home" for the Royal Opera and the Royal Ballet. However, the delays in the reopening of the theatre, and the need to find extra finance to pay for the extension, have caused widespread worries in

politicians have expressed fears that the scheme, which will post an estimated film, is so grandiose that the theatre trust could fall flat on its face. The trust, although still short

of £1.4m, is adopting some unorthodox financing methods. Mr Robert Scott, the trust's administrator, explained the building work was being paid for with interest free loans from sympathetic industrial and appropriate or sympathetic industrial and appropriate industrial Loans of £750,000 have so far been secured. To pay off those loans, the

trust hopes for an extra f100,000 from the Arts Council, which has said it is sympathetic to the appeal. If the Palace Theatre project

sounds expensive, a much bigger scheme is waiting in the wings: Mr Raymond Slater, a director of the building farm Norwest Holst, who purchased the Palace Theatre and gave it to the trust, has proposed a plan for a new concert hall, to house, the Hallé Orchestra, on land behind the Refuge Assurance

the North-west about the future building, which is across the custod of the project. Some local road from the Palace Theatre. May 6. Council house tender tops £6

By a Special

Correspondent . Shetland Islands Council will formally decide this week not to accept a tender for the construction of 40 council houses on the island of Unst which would have put their cost at more than £60,000 each. The council is expected instead to invite its direct works department to tender for the contract, although that will mean the project cannot begin

island of Yell is complete.

houses have been built on the. islands since 1974, the waiting until the substantial amount of work it has in hand on the list for council accommodation has doubled to exceed 700. The decision is one of a Despite the contribution of BP, series facing the island's counwhich has built several dozen cif in attempting to resolve the homes for its senior permanent staff, and the housing associa price is infit tion movement, the onus of transporting, accommodating the rising poping a squad difficulties that have accom-panied oil-related developments

has grown by more than 5,000. The average in the past eight years, and at cil house over 22,000, is higher than at any time since before the First World War. The figures do not north Lerwic include the 6,000 workers, at Councillor Councillor Sustion Voe more than two chairman of thirds of whom are resident in mirree, sai any one week in either of the

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dy for battle: Mrs Thatcher waiting for the European summit ting to get under way in Luxembourg yesterday.

ar vote inter federal

Patricia Clough April 27 Saarland, West Ger-

smallest Land, went to noils today to elect a ment which could influhe Bundestag elections in itumn..

ough the 826,000 Saar represent a highly un-2 per cent of the ate, almost all the leadliticians have campaigned hout the mining towns ine growing villages. Land is ruled by a of Christian Demoand Free Democrats, a which, in the Federal ment and other Lander a partnership with the Democrats.

t changes are not fore-out the Free Democrats punished for their faith-. After fighting the last is in alliance with the Democrats they later I sides with arguments ailed to convince many

ers. ecological "Green" veak and without effecaders, is unlikely to nuch impression in a ore concerned with its yment problems. Christian Democrats

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l when Mr Anker Joerthe Danish Prime

started talks with centrist parties the Democrats, Radicals,

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Social Democratic

government, barely touchs in office, failed

k to gain support for cage from the Liberals iservatives. The break-

negotiations gave rise of another, probably e, election being held

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deficit, at present at 15,600m kroner

French Socialists fall out over candidate

From Charles Hargrove Paris, April 27

Supporters and opponents of ment. M Michel Rocard, the challenger to M François Mitterrand for the Socialist Party's nomination in next year's presidential election, clashed sharply at the party's national con-vention in Paris today.

Differences between them over the timetable for the nomination of the candidates tended to overshadow the debate on international affairs for which the convention was originally called.

M Mitterrand refused to declare whether he would stand against President Giscard d'Estaing, but he condemned the "unhealthy competition, the intrigues, the manoeuvres, and the campaign of innuendo" over the choice of a caudidate. and he accused M Rocard of having started it immediately after the 1978 parliamentary

M Mitterrand, who wants to give himself as much time as possible, to make up his mind, said he was not a candidate for the time being. M Jean-Pierre Chevenement, leader of Ceres, the party's left-wing ginger group, declared, to boos and shouts from M Rocard's supporters, that if M Mitterrand were not the candidate he himself would lead the party into battle in order to defend its line. He also accused M Rocard of wanting to govern with the right-wing majority in the National Assembly.

The Socialists now have no fewer than four potential candidates and are once again displaying their tendency to concentrate on internal quar-

nish party moves reduce

sibility of early election

8,000m krouer.

ness of beating the Govern-

The majority of the convention decided — against the wishes of M Rocard and his friends, who wanted the date brought forward - that the national congress to choose the party candidate would be held just before the end of the year, probably in mid-December.

M Mitterrand drew a por-trait of the ideal candidate which squared almost completely with his own personality and views. He must, he said, be the man most capable of rallying the party and take his stand clearly on the "Socialist project", the long-term proabout which M Rocard has reservations. He also insisted on his own

authority in the party. The party leader caused much surprise yesterday by telling a hushed audience that a country had the right to try to free its citizens if they had been taken hostage. The right to free was at least equal to the right to imprison.

But he expressed sharp concern ar the consequences of the American "adventure" in Iran and he criticised the "ex-traordinary meanderings" of President Carter's policy. The world situation resembled that

The resolution on foreign affairs adopted by the convention described the detention of the American hostages as intolerable, but acknowledged the right of the Iranian people to condemn American support for the Shab.,

Police hold 60 after riots in Frankfurt

creases of 4,000m kroner and public expenditure cuts of The package also includes a scheme to transfer 5,000m kroner from pension funds and insurance companies into risk investment capital for Den-mark's depressed export indus-

A controversial plan to subject state pensions to a means test has been dropped and rep-laced by a proposal to increase VAT from the present 20.25 per cent to 22 per cent. If, as is now expected, Mr Joergensen can successfully muster the support of the three centrist parties, his economic plans, due before the Folketing (Parkament) during the first week of May would be guaranteed a slim majority.

From Our Own Correspondent Bonn, April 27

Sixty people were detained by police and many others were injured in a series of riots in Frankfurt this weekend. The violence broke out when police used water cannon to break through barricades set up round a house occupied by about 40 people protesting at the city housing problems. They were met with a barrage of stones which injured several policemen and damaged many

More clashes followed as groups of angry demonstrators fanned out through the city centre. A gang of about 30 people with sticks and iron bars beat up and seriously injured a right-winger, threatening passers by who tried to inter-

of Belgian net 3 in sight

ls, April 27.-A solu-Belgium's political peared in sight with ment reached by Mr Martens, the care ime Minister, in talks ty leaders.

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artens must successclude his negotiations xmation of a six-party Government by May id a general election. vious administration, pril 9 over the issue tutional reform aimed the language conflict the country's 5,500,000 and four million ₽eakers.

ts to set up distinct ative areas in Dutch-Flanders French-Wallonia and Brussels indered on the status pital, which is malaly eaking but has a s Flemish minorky. but has a

Swiss put out their flags for the Queen's visit

From Alan McGregor Geneva, April 27

With the office of President of the Confederation rotating yearly among the seven members of the cabinet, the Swiss have little opportunity for formal state occasions and for formal state occasions and are, therefore, making the most of the Queen's four-day visit which begins on Tuesday-Always a flag loving people—many houses and chalets have their wan pole—they are putting out even more, with Union Jacks in all sizes selling briskly. Newspapers carry articles on the Queen and protocol.

According to the latest opinion polls, the Swiss are rather better disposed towards the British than towards other

the British than towards other foreigners. Some are disappointed, therefore, at the brevity of the royal visit.

Lucerne, for instance, is to see the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by

Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, and Lady Carring-ton, for only 15 minutes. In Geneva on Wednesday evening the royal party, after visiting the castle of Chillon at the other end of the lake and a reception by the British community in Lausanne, will spend 45 minutes at the headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross. On the lawn outside they will be mingling with the people", particularly British children, for a few minutes. This is in conformity with British wishes for opportunities

for informal contact.

These have been provided as far as is compatible with secur-ity, which is being ensured throughout the tour by men of the Federal Anti-Terrorist Unit. On Friday evening the royal party is due in Vaduz, the capital of Leichtenstein for a private visit. They fly back to Britain on Sunday.

Land given to peasants

From Our Correspondent Lisbon, April 27 Dr Francisco Sá Carneiro, the Portuguese Prime Minister, this weekend travelled to Aletejo province from Lisbon to preside over the first presentation of land to farm workers in Portugal's richest iarming area. Ninety-four peasants became small landowners with the

landowners. Other distributions of land will follow The land handed over this weekend are on an estate that had been nationalized in Dec-ember, 1975. The nationalized property was not successfully managed, according to Dr Cardoso de Cunha, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, who accompanied the Prime

Machine gun raid on dance hall brings in army 40 killed to control violence before Jamaican elections

Kingston, Jamaica, April 27 An upsurge of political gang warfare claimed the lives of nine people in central King-ston last week, the worst bout

of violence for years. Politi-cisus and nervous local resi-dents fear it will intensity as othe late summer elections approach. The army has been called in to belp the police establish control. The most serious incident occurred a week ago when four people were killed and many injured in what has become known as the Gold Street Massacre, Although the

number of dead scarcely justi-fies the word, the style of their deaths was sinister. About 400 supporters of the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) were at a fund-raising dance in a crowded section of central Kingston called southside, a JLP stronghold. As in Belfast, certain areas of the city are

machine guns. Eye witnesses said it was a well-planned assault, some men arriving in boats at the harbour 100 yards away, others on foot from the adjoining section known as Tel Aviv, controlled by supporters of the ruling People's National Party (PNP).

The police, not as well "Then we saw the men and armed as the raiders, were the guns and we started to powerless even though their run: When we get them we station is only 50 yards from will eat them raw."

the dance hall. When I visited Barricades of drain covers Gold Street this weekend there was still obvious tension. The

ilmost empty.

The few people about, lounging in doorways, explained that residents stayed up most of the aight, brewing tea and watching for Tel Aviv invaders. Only now, shortly after dawn, were they getting some sleep.

One woman said she was almost certainly revenge for an incident the previous about walking to her job which involves crossing a porters threatened Mr Mankey while he toured the area, almost empty. ing in doorways, explained that residents stayed up most of the night, brewing tea and watch-ing for Ted Aviv invaders. Only now, shortly after dawn, were

they getting some sleep.
One woman said she was nervous about walking to her job which involves crossing a PNP area. Others said they had been warned by gangsters to quit their homes. "It is very serious and I think it's going to get worse", one said.
Mr Colin Burke, the JLP organizer for the area, took me to the dance hall where the killings occurred. One wall was pock-marked with about fifty buller holes. Experts say American machine guns were

used.
Mr Edward Seaga, leader of the JLP, who accuses Mr Michael Manley's PNP of being certain areas of the city are dominated by communists, powerfully identified with one thinks they are weapons capolithe two main parties. Early last Sunday about 100 and reaching the PNP via men in dark green fatigues Cuba. A more likely explasion and a dance hall, firing nation is that they are smuggled from Florida in exchange for marijuana. Jamaica's illicit but lucrative export.

A man who was at the dance said: "At first we thought is was the police. Some of us were smoking ganga (mari-juana) and we thought they had come to stop us.

and building debris have been built at some cross roads, pre-

storey houses and shops were cles from entering the area, more almost empty.

The streets now contain piles due.

while he toured the area, which is part of his consti-

tuency.

JLP leaders believe it is also part of a campaign to scare their sympathizers into moving away from the area before the

election, thus ensuring victory for Mr Memley.

Both party leaders have denounced the violence and in doing so they have placed most of the blame on their

in a two-page advertisement, in yesterday's Daily Gleaner, adorned with thick black headlines and red spots represent-ing blood, the JLP asked: When they come for you will anyone be left to defend you if you do not stand up now?"
Mr. William Bowes, the
Police Commissioner, said last
week that his men were ham-

pered by shortage of equip-ment. New vehicles and weapons would cost foreign exchange which the country cannot afford. Elections here have

been conducted amid violence though in recent years it seemed to be declining. This new outbreak may be partly attributable to the circum-stances which persuaded Mr

nerrow rows of shabby single- venting rubbish collection vehi. Manley to call an election

Jamaica, in cremendous debt Jamaica, in cremendous debt and with a chronic shortage of foreign exchange, has just withdrawn from negotiations for a new loan from the Inter-national Monetary Fund. The Government believes that the terms sought by the IMF were too steep and would have caused greater hardship than

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the country is now enduring.
Because of the foreign
exchange shortage, food is
scarce and there have been disturbances at shops suspected
by customers of holding back
supplies. The inability to buy
imported raw materials has led
to local factories closing and

imported raw materials has led to local factories closing and burgeoning unemployment.

Opinion polls have shown that if the election were held now the JLP would win easily, perhaps securing more than 40 of the 60 seats in Parliament. It is being delayed at least until July because of the need for a new register to avoid the for a new register to avoid the traditional charges of fraud.

Mr Seaga accuses PNP sup-porters of provoking violence to provide an excuse for a declaration of a state of emergency and the cancellation of the election. He calls it the "Reichstag plan" or military solution and has asked international observers.

There is no evidence of any such plan. Mr Manley and his colleagues probably have no more control over the PNP thugs than Mr Seaga does over his own violent supporters— leaving the uncomfortable pro-spect of a long election cam-paign with no sign of the vio-lence abating.

by Chad Cabinet Ndjamena, April 27. — A

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Thai plane

Bangkok, April 27.—Forty people were killed and 11 injured today when a Thai airliner exploded in heavy rain and lightning while aproaching.

Bangkok airport on a domestic flight, airline officials said.

The dead included 36 passengers and al four crew.

Most of the 11 survivors were

reported to be in a critical

condition.

The Thai Airways aircraft crashed into a rice field about

12 miles north of the airport while on its final landing approach.

were four foreigners but their known.

The aircraft was on a regular flight from north-east Thailand.

It crashed about five minutes

before its scheduled landing. Officials were investigating the

It was the worst air disaster in Thailand since an Egyptian Boeing 707 crashed in Decem-

ber, 1976, killing 72 people.—

Rebel ministers

cause of the crash

dismissed

The airline said 38 bodies were found at the scene of the crash and two people died later in hospital. Among the injured

explodes

special meeting of Chad's transitional Government on Friday decided to dismiss "for reasons of rebellion" Mr Hissene Habre, the Defence Minister. Mr Habre's Armed Forces of the North (FAN) have been fighting the People's Armed Forces (FAP) of President Goukouni Oueddes for more than five meeting.

The Cabinet meeting, attended by Vice-President Colonel Wadal Abdelkader Kamougue and other Ministers from southern Chad, decided for the same reason to dismiss Mr Mahomat Saleh, the Finance Minister, and Mr Hajero Senoussi, the Reconstruction Minister. A decree signed by the Presi-

dent said that the three ministerial portfolios were "reattached" to the presidency of the transitional Government. which resulted from a reconciliation agreement signed in Lagos last August

The removal of Mr Habre and those ministers who have supported him openly in the power struggle is aimed at reaffirming the President's legitimacy but could make it more difficult to reach a negotiated solution. — Agence

Cuban exodus to Florida Tea workers in -Sri Lanka no longer stateless

From Our Correspondent Colombo, April 27 The stigma of statelessness which has affected about half a million people of Indian origin, working mainly in tea planta-tions in Sri Lanka, is to be re-

Under the Indian-Sri Lanka pacts of 1964 and 1974, India agreed to take back 600,000 people of Indian origin, while Sri Lanka agreed to grant citizenship to the balance, numbering 400,000. But the granting of Sri Lankan citizenship was numerically linked to the numpers repairiated. Now Sri Lankan citizenship will be granted irrespective of how many have

eft for India. With the Indian Government granting Indian citizenship to those who wish to return the category of "stateless" will be eliminated.

moved.

grows despite bad weather Key West, Florida, April 27. Coast Guards have responded

The number of refugees fleeing to the United States from Cuba grew steadily today, despite heavy seas threatening small boats in the Florida Strait.

"We have had more than; 1,100 refugees in the past 24 hours. That's more than double the number for any other day", an Immigration Service official said. He estimated the total number of refugees now in Florida at 3,000. Coast Guard officials expres-

sed concern about the saftely of many of the boats making the 90-mile crossing, saying waves in the strait had increased to 7ft, winds had risen to about 25 miles an hour and there were reports of thunder-

to more than 100 distress calls, most from inexperienced sailors who hastily bought boats when the going price for ferrying refugees, climbed dramatically. The average price for taking a refugee is now about \$1,000 (£435). The rush to leave Cuba began early this month when dissatis

fied Cubans flocked into the temporarily unguarded Peru-vian embassy after their evacuation ran into diplometic obstacles. The big Cuban com-munity in Miami started raising money for refugee vesselts. Mr Frank Vilez, port director at Key West, said there were an estimated 1,5000 boats anchored at Mariel harbour, near Havana, waiting to load rafugees. "It waiting to load refugees. will take about four days before they can return", he said.—

men fire on school pupils Dakar April 27.—Security forces wounded at least 10 pupils when they opened fire

Mali security

on them in a secondary school in the Mali capital of Bamako, according to reports by visitors from Mali They said the incident, two weeks ago, was the latest in Mali's school unrest, marked by

a boycott of classes from Nov-ember to March and the arrest of pupils and some teachers during demonstrations. The shooting occurred after pupils at Badalabougou College stormed the premises to try to catch one of their leaders whom they accused of filching money contributed for the victims of the protest demonstrations in March:

A police squad called by the college authorities to restore order was stoned by the pupils Agence France-Presse.

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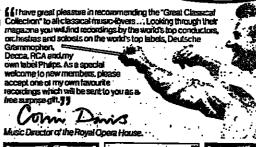
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Fran told not to scoff at US power as more details emerge of rescue mission failure

Vanhington, April 27

The senior members of the doned. American Government went onof the hostages in Tehran was the responsibility of the Iranian Consument.

Mr Harold Brown, Secretary of Defence, and Mr Zhigniew Przeziuski, the President's national security advisor, used practically identical words. As tiene to hold fran responsible for the safety of the hostages. and therefore believe that they "ill not be harmed."

The Americans cannot confirm reports from Tehran that the hestages have been moved. than have, according to Mr. Brown, it emphasizes the this combined failure of equip- is much debated in military frances. Government's direct ment and personnel is the least circles: Each helicopter can

If, indeed, the hostages have been moved to separate locawhat you have is groups of kidrappers in various places and the Government of Iran not dains anything about it."

Both men said the attempted rescue should demonstrate to lean and to the world how strongly the United States feels shour the continued detention of the hostages. Mr Brzezinski, olding sombre and firm, said the message to the Iranians should be: "Do not scoff at American power. Do not scott at American reach."

At the least, this analysis shows Mr Brzezinski's faith in America's eventual success. In course, Iranians are coffing limidly at American Americans, if not scoffing, are "ringing their hands at the extent of the fiasco.

Further details of the operahave emerged, though officials continue to refuse to

the point at which it was aban mainder of the night. After doned. the decision to about the opera-

Eight Sikorsky CH53 heliconreferrision this morning to in-. at that the continued safety craft carrier Nimitz, and given a rendezvous in the central iranian desert with six C130 cargo aircraft loaded with fuel killing eight men. Five then for the rest of the operation.

> The flight was about 500 miles, the limit of the helicopters' range. Three of them flew into a severe sandstorm. The rilor of one lost all sense

of vertical direction, suffering an acute case of vertigo. One of his instruments; which would: have restored his sense of director tion failed and he returned to

was over.

eleased, unharmed, *

The decision to give up after

the failure of three helicopters.

carry 35 passengers. There were:

was to pick up the 50 hostages

from the embassy and perhaps

the three others held in the Foreign Ministry.

Foreign Ministry.

There would have been room
for all in the five helicopters

but no room for stretchers. The

planners also wanted a further

copters to be refuelled at Desert One and to go directly

to another secret base in the mountains: 100 miles from Tehran. The 90 men would wait

there throughout Friday before

going by bus and car to the

embassy during the night.

Presumably they would have had Iranian guides and helpers

to provide the vehicles .-- They

would have stormed the em-bassy in the middle of the night and carried off the hostages, taking the mback to the second

The helicopters would then

have taken everyone to another base, apparently not Desert One,

where C130s would have been

waiting. It is not revealed whether these aircraft would

have been the same six as those

lines for the release of the hos-tages. The allies have agreed,

provisionally, that if economic sanctions had no effect by May 17 they woud invoke further

diplomatic sanctions and Presi-

decision to use force might be

the time for further diplomacy,

States hoped to resume correct

relations with Iran soon after

the hostages were released, al-

though he admitted that friend-

Both Mr Brown and Mr Brze-

zinski emphasized the continu-

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Mr Brown said that he did not wish to set further dead-

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Mr Brown has promised that there will be no scapegoats but explicable of the day's events.

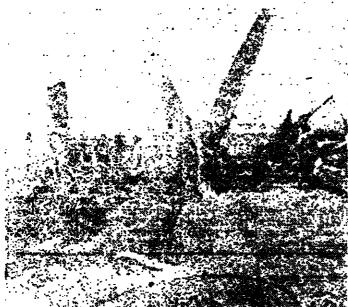
The other two helicopters caught in the sandstorm tions to improve. They then went on to the rendezvous.

One of the seven remaining helicopters suffered a severe mechanical failure and had to land. It is not clear whether this was one of those affected by the sandstorm. Its crew was ricked up and six belicopters. therefore, reached the base, known as "Descri One" where known as "Desert One" whethe six C130s were waiting.

Everyone said the flight from the Nimitz to Desert One was the most difficult part of the operation. The helicopters had to fly very low to avoid Iranian radar and found the weather conditions worse than expected. One of the remaining beli-

copters was then found to have severe malfunction: its hydraulic system had failed. Since six helicopters were needed in its plan, the opera tion was abandoned.

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munist takeover, or a Russian our Party is moving away from invasion like that of Afghanitis hipartisan approach with stan.

but link with raid denied

From Michael French man

The United States Narv

cruiser docked today in Muttrah

harbour near here to refuel and

take on supplies. The vessel, bristling with electronic sur-

veillance equipment, is the first

There is speculation it might

have been involved in the abortive American raid into-Iran, but no one will comment

officially on this touchy 'sub-

isct. The Covernment of Omani-

was reported in a local broad-

cast to have rejected allega-

tions made in Kuwait that the

territory was used as a base for

the operation. A Foreign

Ministry spokesman reaffirmed

that Oman did not provide any

Anti-American demonstra-tions have been reported in

has a big Palestinian popula-

to call here for over a month.

Iraq denies report of president's

of Agence France Presse Beirur, April 27

Psychological. tion was approved by President between Iraq and Iran reach a climax today when the Iranians' It was during this manocurre that one of the helicopters col-lided with a C130 and exploded. dent Saddam Husain of Iraq. Doubtless to lend it added weight, the presidency in were wounded and are now in

Tehran attributed the informa-tion to the entpurage of Avotollah Khomeini. It said Mr Husain was killed in the hospital in Texas.

During the time the aircrest were on the ground, a bushed. of Iranjans appeared on the course of a putsch at 9 am GMT. scene: They were arrested and in view of the propaganda was planned to put them on C130 and take them out of campaigns being waged by the two countries, that kind of in-formation originating from that the country until the operation When the operation was kind of source was bound to provoke wariness among obser-

It so happened that at the very same moment the Iraqi Information Agency (INA) was announcing the arrival in-Baghdad of President Albert René of Seychelles, who was met at the uirport, the agency specified, by President Husain. Later INA published a com-ment in which is charged Iran with "wishful thinking."

Iranian radio repeated its ver-sion, specifying this time that Mr Husain bad been shot by Islamic fundamentalists when

inspecting a military camp.

But INA reported tonight that

Mr. Husain was host at a dinner ar the presidential palace in honour of Mr René.
On today's developments observers saw two possibilities. Perhaps something actually was

ried in Iraq and failed, in which case the truth will seep out much later only. The other possibility is that nothing hap-

Statement on crisis may be delayed

By Michael Hatfield Political Reporter

Ministers are to meet today to discuss the Government's handling of the Iran crisis in the Commons. Though there has been pressure for, Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Prive Seal, to make a second statement to MPs today, there was a feeling last night that any Government comment should await the outmeeting in Luxembourg, which

ends tomorross.

The Opposition is likely to first opportunity for a wide-ranging discussion will not occur until the Government introduces its spections legisla-

tion in three weeks.
Suggestions by Mr Tam
Dalvell, chairman of the Labour backbench foreign affairs committee on BBC radio yesterday that there will be "tempestuous opposition to sauc- serious righting that took place tions were thought to be experimented. There seems little gerated faced the danger of a com doubt however, that the Lab-



Fears of Iran witch-hunt for collaborators

Continued from page 1

students occuping the United States Embassy announced the names of two of the cities in which they claim to have hidden the American hostages. In two statements they said that some of the hostages, guarded by the students them-selves, had been taken to the holy ciry of Qom, south of Tehran, while another group had gone to Tauriz capital of the north-west province of East Azerbaijan.

The statements gave no hint o fwhere the hostages would be kept in these cities, but innicated that they would be The Opposition is likely to under the supervision of the demand a debate, otherwise the Revolutionary Guards primarily responsible for the country's internal security.

The choice of Qom was not surprising since it is the bead-quarters of Iran's clergy, who are among the most outspoken their apposition to the

United States. "But Tabriz was a more unex-United States for that violence.

said that the hostages had been taken there to prove to Presito sow discord in the country were useless.

The students hinted at the names of more cities where groups of the hostages had been taken would be announced later. They said yesterday that they intended to spread the hostages throughout the country to forestall a second American attempt to rescue them.

It would also mean, the students said, that they would not be forced to kill the hostages if America attacked Iran a secand time. They alleged that it had been President Carter's strategy, in

launching Friday's aborrive mission, to force them to kill

the hostages.

"What is not important for Carter is the lives of the host tages", they said. "It is important for the American Government to be saved the scandal of the trial of the hostages."

In a special commentary, Iran's state radio said the same thing. Noting that "Tehran is neither Enteobe nor Mogadishu," it said: "What is not important for President Carter) is the lives of the hostages, the lives of innecessity. of the trial of the hostages." tages, the lives of innocent people and the lives of American paratroopers. The objective is to take power and hold on

said that they feared the Iranians might start soon a massive ted of having worked with the Americans on the mission. The diplomats believed the Iranians were trying to; estabthe Americans had planned to: use was located. It is thought there must have been Iranians. on the ground, possibly at both make-shift bases, for the

Diplomatic sources in Tehran

mission to have succeeded. The students claimed yester day to have handed evidence Ayatollah Khomeini about the involvement of local Iranians, and today General Amir Bahman Bagheri, the Air Force Commander urged -a thorough search for Iranian agents of America.
Peace pledge: Mr Sadegh Qotbzadeh Iran's Foreign Mini-

ster, said in Damascus that he "expects anything" from President Carter but is committed. to solving the hostage crisis peacefully. However, he repeated his

threat to cover the Gulf with oil and set it on fire if America takes military action to blockade Iran.—A.P.

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in South Lebaton Israel's anger was conveyed in Mr. William Blown the American charge d'affaires wio met Mr. Begin and Mr. Yirihak-Shamir, the Foreign Minister. last Finday. Dering the meets ing Mr. Begin: was handed at message from Frendem Carter erging him to do everything possible to restrain Major Saut possible to restrain Major Saut members of the Prov. Haddad's Christian smilling who the paper said. forces from attacking United

Nations troops Mr Begin said that he had informed America that Israel was doing all it could to residen hostilities. At the same time he "totally rejected" sugges-tions that the Israelis could be held responsible for the recent

Mr Njenje is chosen for Kikuyu seat

From Our Correspondent Nairobi, April 27

Mr Charles Nion to who was Kenya's Attorney Ganeral Trees independence in 1983 and retired from that post on Friday on reaching the age of 60, was resterday noningered unopposed as MP for Kikuya.

his home constituency. The Kikuyu seat became vacant last week.

Mr Njonja, besides being legal adviser to the Coverament. has been one of the most of politics. He is a strong sup-porter of President Moi and opposed mores which were designed to ensure that Mr Mos who was then Mice President did not succeed on the death of President Kenyatra in 1978,

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A. PTI correspondent quoted "highly placed sources" for his information. The corres-pondent, Mr H. N. Kaul, returned last Friday from an

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presence in Diego Garcia." the United States base in the Indian Ocean, The Press Trust of India (PTI) reparted.

assignment of several weeks in Kabul.—AP.

Russia sends senior team

Afghanistan were seen as "a counterweight to the American

Moscow defend motives for Kabul intervention From Michael Binyon socio-economic changes. A senior Soviet official said Babrak Karmal said Afghani

Moscow, April 27 Communist Party secretary who .

headed a large Soviet delegaattend ceremonies marking the second anniverthat brought the Afghan communists to power, said all Soviet units were acting in full -removed. contact with Afghan troops. They are not warring against

the Afghan people", he said. He added that the Soviet leadership had never expected approval. from "imperialist reaction" for its military help to Afghaniston, but the Soviet Union had discharged its internationalist duty and would coninue to do só;

He praised the new Afghan leadership, which was "imbued with political realism and pro-found vitality". But he said that Alghamstan still faced many difficulties and much to rerel imperialist regression, overcome the resistance of the overthrown classes

Addressing a rally, President this weekend in Kabul that his stan rejected any attempts to country was not fighting use the presence of Soviet against the Afghan people. troops in his country to under-Mr Mikhail Zimvanin, a mine Afghanistan's position in mine Afghanistan's position in the non-aligned movement, and he insisted that his country was still non-aligned.

Soviet troops would be withsary of the April revolution drawn, as agreed between the two countries, when the threat of foreign intervention was

Admitting "serious difficulties" since the revolution, he attributed them mainly to the lack of a large experienced working class, "seasoned in class bartles", the lack of trained leaders and specialists devoted to the revolution, and the absence of a strong tradition of collective leadership and democratic centralism Mr Karmal said that in spite

of a hard legacy from the past. Afghanistan had made great economic progress. The way ahead lay in a balance between state, cooperative and private sectors of the economy. The share in industrial duction was now more than 40 and carry out progressive per cent,

anger at these refusals to over Afghanistan. Controversy over medical

A controversy which could undermine the standing of the South African Medical and Dental Causcil has been touched off by a decision not to take disciplinary action against three Port Elizabeth doctors who attended Steve Biko, the Black Consciousness. tention in 1977....

there was thus no needs for a disciplinary hearing. The decision still has to be ratified at a full meeting of the council in October

and a specialist physician, Dr Colin Hersch. During the inquest on Mr

Bike it was revealed that the doctors did not report on the extent of the head injuries which resulted in his death Nor. extent of the best injuries which resulted in his death Nordid they try to orever his Biko, by then desperately ill from being driven naked some 706 miles from Port Elizabeth to Pretoria in the back of a police Land-Rover. No medical records were sent with Mr Biko to Pretoria where he died shortly after his arrival.

Many blacks and white epporation MPs feel that the ruling

was policically motivated. They noted the all five members of the influental Africana. Recedences of the analysis and four of them were appoint the Medical and Dental Council by the Coverament

Dr. Jonathin. Guckman, the kept and the reaso bathologist appointed by the him and other Sort morten excitation, said he was astonished that the mrest. Assect hed updates was astonished that the invest. Assect hed updates geting committee a finding had been made public at this stage. Tablished comorn.

Neutrality guarantee for Afghanistan is sought both the superpowers and with

From Edward Mortimer

Proposals for a solution to the Afghanistan crisis, based commit themselves to respect and the country's guaranteed its neutrality and independ-countrity, will be discussed at once. eret month's conference of lamic foreign minsters in ! !amaoad. They may lead to a mint approach by the Muslim vites to the United States and

the Soviet Union. Mr Habib Chatti, Secretaryeneral of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, told' ric at his headquarters in Jidich that Afchanistan would-arain be the leading item on the agenda at next month's meeting. Last January an extraordinary session of the conference condemned the

Sariet intervention. This time all Muslim states will be represented, including Syria and South Yemen which Invested the last one, and there will certainly be a tueste. American attempt to rescue the hetween "hard" and "soit" hostages by force, he said such hostages by force ariting work in the lines.

But Mr Chatti hoped a cempromise would emerge based the West because they were on the neutrality of Afghanis enabling the Soviet Union to tan, to be guaranteed by Aig. pose as the supporter of Mus hanistan itself in a treaty with him states

airport near here, and helicopters have been transferring Abu Dhabi, April 27 supplies to United States Navy Three armoured of vessels in the Gulf of Oman.

Colonel Salim al-Ghazali, Under Secretary for Defence, reflects the general feeling here of cympathy for the American predicament over the hostages. but said he thought the raid was

a big mistake. Although no official American soundings were taken here before the raid, many American senators and congressmen have been asking the Omanis recently what they thought of a possible military action.

They were told such action be wrong, as support seemed to be growing for other means of applying pressure, such as sanctions. There is also a feeling here that President Carter totally misunderstands Fahrain and in Kuwait, which Islamic thinking.

There is definite confirmation here that American C141 Sidewinder missiles, eight M60 canno aircraft have been flying in and out of Muscar from the control Oman is in the final stages of tanks, and heavy artillery. The abortive raid puts Oman in what American have in Diego Garcia could become a difficult in the Indian Ocean. The political position with its Arab smaller Hercules transports neighbours, which is why receilave also been landing at Secb. events are being played down. neighbours, which is why recent

its neighbours-Pakistan, Iran

and China-all of which would

Mr Chatti agreed that this

proposal presupposed a settle-

conflict and the existence of

an Afghan Government with

broad national support-prob-

ably a Government of National

both from the present Soviet-

hacked regime and from the

Muslim mujahidin fighting

reconciliation could be achieved if both the United

States and the Soviet Union

would commit themselves to

support such a solution in

concern about the Iranian

actions were "not in the in-

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Mr Charti expressed grave

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against it.

American Gulf embassy the United States struggle with From Our Correspondent Three armoured cars and a group of soldiers with rifles guarded the United States Em-

bassy in Ahu Dhabi last night. but the evening passed without The embassy has been increasingly alert to security since

the sacking of its counterpart in Hyderabad. The wives and children of embassy staff, who were evacuated at that time, have still not returned, and officials of other embassies believe that the United States action in Iran will further delay their return. 😁 Though there was no sign of

protest from the Arab population, the embassy is expected to maintain exceptionally right security today when Abu Dhabi returns to normal after the customary Friday holiday observed throughout the Arab world. "It

is no accident that Carter chose. Friday to move?, one British embassy official said. Street protests are proving-of less importance to diplomats whose main fears last night were of the political conse-quences of the American strike Abu Dhabi has maintained a

relatively neutral stance during

China criticizes

rescue hostages

Peking, April 27.-China, in

its first official reaction to the

abortive American attempt to

rescue the embassy hostages in

Tehran, said today that the mis-

sion violated Iran's territorial

integrity and could exacerbate

A Foreign Ministry statement expressed "hope that the US

and Iranian sides will both abide

by the norms of international

relations, act with prodence and

restraint and try to solve their

differences through peaceful

The statement said it was

necessary to use diplomatic negotiations so that no oppor-

tunity may be given to people

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The statement said the Chin-

ese " consider that the US Gov-

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solution, but would rather wor

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consultation ". . .

Tran over the hostages, though Shaikh Zaved, the Abu Dhabi Ruler and President of the United Arab Emirases, has spoken of the formation of an American military presence in the Guli. By chance, the American action coincided with the Gulf politicians, Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and

the Emir of Babrain.
Prince Abdullah was expected to press Shaikh Zaved for concerted Arab action against Britain over the showing of the film Death of a Princess. Ivan now dominate their talks, but how the complicated poli-tics of the United Arab. Emirates will be affected by the incident is unlikely become clear until the beginning of next week. Saudi regrets : Saudi Arabia tonight expressed anxiety and regret over the American rescue

attempt in Iran and said it was inconsistent with international A Foreign Ministry statement in leddah said the kingdom "views the American action as an affront to the sovereignty of the countries of the area and as jeopardizing the areas' security and stability.".-Reuter.

said to be

Delhi, April 27.—The Russians have brought ballistic missiles into Afghanistan, believed to carry nuclear war-

to Paris conference attend in a leading article in Proode last week From Our Own Correspondent The newspaper said that those who maintained that differences in the communist movement hindered the calling of the Paris meeting should be reminded that traternal parties

Moscow, April 27,

A senior Soviet delegation headed by Mr Boris Pago, maryov, a candidate member of the ruling Polithuro, left for Paris today to attend a two-day conference beginning to-morrow which was called by the French and Polish com-munist parties to show soli-darity with Soviet policies.

The conference has been clearly directed by the Russians, who are eager to drum, up support from European communists for their actions in Afghanistan. But several important parties, including the Italians. Spanish and Yugoslavs, have said they will slay

The Russians showed their

settle problems in other parts of the world. In a clear reference to Affinite and it said that opinious on peace beyond Europe would also be interest.

had agreed in the past to pool

their efforts.

Pravaa added that the meet

ing would focus on European

security, because strengthening

ing.
Some parties including the Romanians have expressed fears, that the meeting would be used to whip them into line

ruling in Steve Biko case

From Nicholas Ashford Johannesburg, April 27

leader, before his death in de-The council's committee of preliminary investigation has ruled that there was no evidence of improper or disgraceful conduct on the part of the three practitioners and that

The doctors concerned are rivo district surgeons, Dr Ben-jamin Tucker and Dr Ivor Lang,

sirion MPs feel that the ruling

The two sides of theatre's agonised

erside Drive, New York, by the soar-span of the George Washington Bridge, ing across the broad Hudson River he lofty New Jersey Palisades, is no place for a playwright to exercise his. Peter Shaffer, creater of The Royal at of the Sun and Equus, long a transatic commuter and Manhattan familiar, helping to east the America. helping to cast the American pre-e of his Amadeus, finds his territorial

erences changing.
For the moment this is still my main for the moment this is still my main. I am always on the move, I think ay change again. Although I spend a of time in England, I miss my roots a One goes through cycles in life in h this happens. I have a nice flat looking the Hudson and most of the orabilia, not all of them. My family Loudon and I want to spend much time there now.

time there now.
used to find America more stimular-I don't any more. When I was younger i because New York excited me. I it a marvellous contrast to England. e the balance of the extraordinary electricity of New York and the und experience of the English counit is commute in my mind from one other. Now, partly because I think ity has deteriorated a lot, got nastier, because I am older, I am much because I am older, I am more inclined to England on a full time

ne boy in Equus grew out of a feel-nat for a lot of people in suburban and life has gone flat. It is what one on all sides—'England is not what to be, life is savourless, people feel ated by its relentless prosaicism. I feel this about England all the time e I am immensely patriotic and tely fond of England. It is quite the greatest country in the world e it embraces and allows to happen diversity of experience than any

m passionately devoted particularly English countryside, much more Lordon, and I am devoted to the of English telerance and letting hanven without instantly making of them. It is not the victim, like other countries, of violent mass ents, nor the victim of sociologists, opists and psychiatrists. It allows ividual experience and respects and

recent years many bitter elements irfaced that weren't there before, satre, as well as other centres of ere very much, from time to lominated by minimisers of life

land is the best place for a playto be because there has always passionate devotion to drama and profundity of acting in the English er. There is always some slight of self-consciousness about other

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s. We, a so-called self-conscious have had no difficulty ever in a would have thought would be at self-conscious activity in the pring. It may be a form of hiding, 's are the walking encyclopaedias on experience. They dig into them-

in find their psyche. We have it is village hall right up to the Theatre. In England we have vanted to have a go at acting, i the art of acting and indeed f writing for the theatre. been very lucky because I have fer a long time at the National I've done four plays with them. know whether I am their most modern playwright, but I must

of them and I ask myself where

Sthe world could I get Amadeus I in so huge and marvellous space huge and marvellous company, t degree of panache and belief mitment and skill ... nowhere, was when we created Royal Hunt m and Equus. I find that terribly t. I get very angry when people England provides for the thea d musical artist, for the writing ecause it's a country which still irds very seriously. It's a virtual compared with other countries." r is of medium height, with a agular face, headlamp glasses and of cropped grey hair. His attire sive bohemian—check trousers, a shmere sweater, blue blazer and Ekle boots. A houndstooth British matching deerstalker must catch hattan eye. He has an eager way and looking into the middle dis-fore the next corrential sequence

pearance and background belie ent in his young life. For three m 1944-47, he was a Bevin boy: er was a property company direc-rth countryman. My mother came onport They lived in Blackpool Liverpool. We were there until ne. I went to prep school there were in London for a couple Then the war came and from t on we were peripateric. I went

1 an exhibition to Trinity from but I couldn't take it up until ne my service. Bevin boys were on the basis of the last number o numbers of their identity card an alternative form of conscripprose like most boys of that age rather have been a soldier then a coalmine, but it was not to be. id myself one day doing PT and ning on Pontefract racecourse. day I was down a mine, being mo the mysteries of haulage. and a hilf years I was down Fiery in Kent. I can't say it was I worked some of it undernit my eyes are very bed and I up on the surface doing That involved emptying 10 ton carbide and rock, very good for es, not very good particularly ing else. It must have been a ied because I finally got a duo-

lree years in coalmining gave lands sympostry and feeling in contemplating how a lot of d to spend their lives.

read history at Trinity, invalu-the research work in his epic id helped his twin brother factor a barrister and fellow playedit Granta. At the age of 15 he en an article for the Musical le literary life always beckoned, breakthrough came only after nusty desk jobs in New York and

e down from Cambridge in 1951 cquired many American friends y years there. I was always see America, very fascinated by





America. I felt myself to be unemployable in England.

"I knew it had something to do with literature, something indeed to do with the theatre, but I think I was a Puritan of an extreme kind. By that I mean that somehow along the line I had absorbed the belief that if I really wanted to do something the theatre for example. I was not thing, the theatre for example—I was passionately devoted to the theatre—that was semenow frivelous and wrong and bad for me. I should do something respectable and "serious" like one of the professions and the theatre in my spare time. the theatre in my spare time. As a result I think I denied myself the pleasure of writing plays for a very long time. Foolish,

very foolish.
"First of all I sold books in Doubleday's shop. I worked in the airlines terminal. I worked in Grand Central Station, in a department store, Lord & Taylors, and then I moved to the New York public library in the acquisitions department. That meant that I ordered books for the library, a slightly boring job, in fact a very boring job, because you simply copy titles out of catalogues. I soon discovered after a year or so that the librarian's life was not for me. It's much too orderly and

"I wrote my first play under the blotter at the same time, called *The Salt Land*, about Israel. I lived at that rime in what was then called, and still may be for all I know, Hell's Kitchen, which is quite a grim part of the city on West 37th Street, between 9th and 10th.

"I wouldn't want to repeat the experience, but I don't think it was particularly dangerous in those days. It was just rather desperare and rather uglv and dirty.

"When I returned to England I worked as literary critic for Truth and earned a living at Boosey & Hawkes, the music published.

lishers. I got a job for £10 a week in the symphonic department. I was happy there, working with material I understood and the feeling of being relatively useless and unemployable began to vanish a bit.
"I was working for two very impressive

men at that time. One was Erwin Stein, who is the father of Marion Thorpe, a lovely old gentleman, and the other was Dr Ernst Roth. At one time I think he had been private secretary to Richard Strauss. He was a marvellous man and he took me aside one day after I had been doing, I hope, satisfactory work and said: You know, the sad thing is that music publishing as such is very much on the decline. The real money in the firm comes from the brass band side."

"One of the partners offered me a job in the brass band factory at Edgware. I had a long think and thought no. I didn't see my future in terms of a factory making brass band instruments in Edgware or in deed anywhere else. So I resigned and said

deed anywhere else. So I resigned and said well, I'll live now on my literary wits.

"I sat down and wrote a play, Five Finger Exercise, and sent it to a girl I knew who worked for H. M. Tennant. It ended up on the desk of John Perry, a director of Tennants. This took about six months. I had virtually forgotten all about it, then one day I got a phone call from John Perry asking to go and see him. In those days they had offices in the Globe Theatre, in that circular bit, in Shaftesbury Avenue. He said, 'would John Gielgud suit you as a director?' I was tremendously in awe of Gielgud.

One of my earliest recollections of the rheatre was seeing him acting Richard II rheatre was seeing mm acting the dat the Golders Green Hippodrome, and he filled me with a tremendous desire to write for the theatre. I asked John Perry if this meant he was going to do it and he said of course, or I wouldn't be there.

"We opened at the Comedy Theatre in 1000 and it was I'm glad to say, a huge 1958 and it was, I'm glad to say, a huge overnight success, one of those things one sometimes reads about. I was started and it seemed there was no going back, that I was a playwright."

Sometimes it seems as if there are two playwrights in Peter Shaffer, one engaged in the agonized probing of the human soul in Royal Hunt of the Sun, Equus and Amadeus and the other producing hilarious flights of farce like Private Ear and Public Eye and Black Comedy.

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These are two sides of me, and one is a relief from the other. It began with Royal Hunt of the Sun. It was a theatre of ritual and masks and cries and ritual magic, incorporating music. So did Equus and so did Amadeus, contrasted with a tremendous pleasure I have always had

tremendous pleasure I have always had in farce, which again is a form of gestural theatre.

"Black Comedy is almost all gesture. You could almost put plate glass between the audience and the stage and still something comic would emerge from the acted play. I love high comedy and I love farce and I would love to do more of it. In fact I intend to do more. It is very important to write comedy. It is very hard and it to write comedy. It is very hard and it seems to me that it requires almost more

discipline than the questing plays.
"It was the Chinese who thought of the idea behind Black Comedy. I went once to the Pelace Theatre in London and saw the Peking Opera. They did an excerpt saw the reading operating an excerpt from a play called Where Three Roads Meet. The sequence they offered was a scene in a lodging house at night where a warrior lays himself down to sleep—it is wordless; this particular scene—and a

bandit creeps through a window.

"It is supposed to be pitch darkness, Times Newspapers Limited, 1980...

except it is all done in brilliant light, light so ferocious that it almost suggests durkness. The warrior gropes for his sword and challenges the intruder. They fight with swords 30 sharp they seemed, if I recall, to cut little bits off the fringes of their clothing. Real swords.

The effect on the audience was extraordinary, because it was wildly funny and

wildly dangerous as well, so that they were

caught between two emotions of alarm and delight.

"Two things struck me. First af all, if high comedy is akin to drama, farce is akin to melodrama. All those great farces of Feydeau are concerned with extremely dramatic situations. Open that door and your marriage is at an end, there's no two ways about it. If you open that drawer, you are ruined. And the other thing that struck me was that I would very much like to use that convention of reverse light and darkness for an English comedy. I talked it over with John Dexter, who had been my director on Royal Hunt of the Sun and was again on Equus, and he was very encouraging and said: 'It's a marvellous idea, you must do it'.

"I was depressed because I couldn't get it going. The problem was that, although funny, it seemed to me to be the kind of idea that would be good for a revue sketch, but it couldn't possibly stretch, couldn't last. First of all, there was no way that situation could obtain realistically for more than a few minutes. They wouldn't just sit there in the dark. Someone would produce candles. If they didn't have candles there would be some other thing, a torch. If it all failed they would simply abandon the

thinking I wish I'd never agreed to do it, someone from the National Theatre rang up and said: 'We've announces' your new play and we've already got a terrific response at the box office. You must be very pleased'. I looked down at my desk at what had been advertised and what the public was apparently responding to so nicely and it was just two pieces of paper, one covered with tomato soup and the other which I had just torn up.

"I suddenly thought well, of course, the only way this can work is if there is some-

body in that room; preferably the host, who has a reason for keeping those people there and in the dark. "I thought what could it be-obviously

he's stolen something. What if he had stolen some furniture from next door, from a neighbour who was away and who unexpectedly returns? Obviously before he can put the light on or get some help he's got to frustrate everybody else's attempts to light the room until he's got whatever it was out of the room.

"Suddenly I had the real farce idea,

which is not just one or two objects, but all the furniture in the room and it all has to be moved out without anybody knowing. I remember the idea and just lying there laughing. I think the gods were kind about that one."

The two major historical plays, Royal Hunt of the Sun and Amadeus, required an immense amount of reading to get the whole context together. The central core of both, and indeed of Equus, is an agonized insight into the workings of the human soul, his recognition of divine in-spiration in character. What brings him to this?

this?
"If I could really answer that I suppose If I could really answer that I suppose I wouldn't be writing plays any more. I would have worked that out. There is in me a continuous tension between what I suppose I could loosely call the Apollonian and the Dionysiac sides of interpreting life between say Dustirt and Alan Strang.

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"It immediately begins to sound high falurin, when one talks about it oneself—I don't really see it in those dry intellectual terms. I just feel in myself that there is a constant debate going on between the violence of instinct on the one hand and the desire in my mind for order and restraint.

Between the secular side of me the feet. Between the secular side of me the fact that I have never actually been able to buy anything of official religion—and the in-escrepable fact that to me a life without a sense of the divine is perfectly meaning-

I love that word playwright, particularly wright—it suggests a wheelwright or cartwright, a man with a hammer, hammering out a solid structure, and I've always tried to do that. I like to bury all my labour and effort so that iransers in he effortless.

appears to be effortless.

I would like my next play to be a comedy. If this isn't too tautological, one that unifies and counteracts the impression of there being two kinds of plays

People who quite like one's work but want to put it down a bit say 'well, it's very theatrical, of course'. 'I always find that very odd. It's almost as if you are making a pejorative remark about a painter by saying of course it's painterly." My quarrel with a lot of London is "My quartel with a lot of London is that it's not theatrical enough, it does not use the medium of theatre nearly enough. I am tired of seeing a one-set play with two people whining at each other all night or delivering other all night or delivering a sequence of lectures to the audience. It doesn't seem to me to be what the theatre is for.

Brian Connell

SPORT.

Ballesteros excels under another kind of pressure

From Peter Ryde
Madrid, April 27
Severiano Ballesteros won the
Madrid Open by three strokes
from his friend and compatriot,
Manuel Pinero; today. His final
round of 69 gave him a total of
270, 18 under par, five strokes
better: than the previous record
total for the Puetra de Hierro
course. It was a fine follow-up to
his victory in the United States
Masters, More often than not, that
victory causes players to disappear Masters, More orten man nor, mar victory causes players to disappear from the scene for months, so much happens in the wake of victory. It says much for the poise of the 23-year-old Spaniard that he could cross the Atlanta and win again, not under the same pressure, but under a different kind of pressure, with much greater, involvement with the crowd.

He collected [1] 000 from the

crowd.

He collected £11.000 from the week's work, more than half of ir in appearance money, but although I am opposed to the idea of it, no one would begrudge it him today. The change in cuthus, asm for the tournament compared with the past is due entirely to one man.

man.
The nearest Briton finished 13 strokes behind the winner, in the person of Phillip Elson, who scored a final 65. One South African,

person of Prilip Elson, who scored a final 65. One South African, Price, finished ahead of him in third place, one, Bland, level with him, and one, Watson, just behind him. The strong showing of the South Africans behind the leaders here no doubt owed something to the heavy map on greens which needed careful reading. Jacklin, on 285, had a chance to catch Elson, but hit the ball twice with a tap-in putt of less than one foot, and took six at the last. The club, noted for its dignity and calm, was turned into a babel of people at the finish, cheering the young Spaniard, who looked moved and tired, as well he might. I doubt if the crowds were as large on the last day as on the previous two, but they were bigger than anything known here, with one hour at least of television on the last two days. Ballesteros began the day four strokes ahead of Pinero and 11 clear of the nearest Briton, Jacklin. He had started his third round by dropping strokes at the first two holes before beginning a run by dropping strokes at the first two boles before beginning a run of four birdies at the third. It was important for him today to make a sound start, for the pressure on him was of a different kind from Augusta, but no less challenging.

Ballesteros: soaking up the pressure on way to victory

At the third, the gap narrowed to three when he hooked his drive, and for once, could not extricate himself well enough to make par. Thereafter, he appeared more cautions off the tea, taking a one iron at the fourth, seventh and ninth. At the fifth, where the other two struggled in vain to reach the green, Ballesteros was 18ft behind the stick with a four wood. But Pinero continued to hang opto the flying coat rails, holing bravely from more than 20ft to march the other's birdie. They exchanged birdies at the seventh and eighth, and with nine holes to play, Ballesteros was four ahead again. But Pinero made his

birdie at the 13th, closing the gap to three for the third time, and then, at the 15th, came his ham-mer blow eagle with a three-wood second to 12ft.

Now the pressure was fully on the British Open and United States Masters champion, but he come back in characteristic fashion at the next hole. With a tree between him and the plui he had between him and the pin; he had to bend the shot some 40 yards in the air with a seepn iron. The ball stopped 12ft away and he holed far a birdle. Pinero took three putts to be one over par for the hole and thad shot his ball stopped 12ft away and he holed far a birdle. Pinero took three putts to be one over par for the hole and thad shot his

Leading aggregates in Madrid Open



Squash rackets

Brighton run kept open after many appeals

By Clive White

Brighton won the Banbury Trophy, the men's national club championship, for the fourth time in the last six years on Saturday at Wembley Squash Centre. The final was fiercely contested by York until the deciding rubber, which was a runaway success for Philip Ayton, the former leading England amateur.

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The trophy's destination hinged on the match between the number fours: John Lee, of York, and Michael Westrup, the Brighton captain. It was littered with appeals the outcome of which seldom pleased the fretful Lee, who was chief protester. During the rest periods he would circle. the rest periods he would circle the court like a caged lion pondering his misfortunes while the 35-year-old Westrup got on with putsing his feet up.

Lee stood at 9-7, 1-9, 9-8-

Lee stood at 9—7. 1—9, 9—8 and his club at two matches to one up—when an appeal for a let went against him. York's aspirations of avenging their defeat by Brighton in this final three years ago ended there. Lee then put into the the tamely and lailed with another appeal on game point. Westrup is a fighter, making up for the Yorkshire spirit his oppo-

under pressure kept on for victory.

Ian Nuntall is the archetypal Yorkshireman, but he needed more qualities than that to trouble the 22-year-old Andrew Dwyer, England's No 2. Though his club trailed precariously at 0-2 he wept serenely about his business as though he was picking flowers rather than tangling with a terrier in a stuffy pit. He gradually wore illum, Nuntall, one of the game's great retrievers.

Though York had admitted defeat before the final rubber few could have envisaged that it would be so emphatic. The bespectacled Ayton, now 33 and No in England, plotted the angles like a mathematics professor. He reated us to a demonstration of textbook squash as he modestly and meticulously destroyed the game of Chris Wilson, a powerful Scottish international. Ayton had him scurrying to all four corners of the court like a demented man-servant.

Wilson had no counter to a per-

servant. Wilson had no counter to a perfect mixture of the lob and finely. controlled short, drop volley. It was cleanly fought and clear cut; there was not even a let, which was undisputed, until 5-1. With

the York supporters' encouragement that Wilson "now knew Ayton's weakness" he thok a 1—0 lead in the second game. Ayton was promptly informed by the York supporters that he was cracking. And though he did slip to 1—1 it was only a bairline freture to his game which quickly scaled itself.

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MRN'S BANEURY TROPHY: Brighton 5. York 2. Brighton names Itrai: A.

DWY beat I. Nutlail. 4-7. 4-4.

P. Ayton beat C. Wryon. 4-1.

Richardson. 5-4. 5-1. 6-5. 5-1.

M. Welling beat J. Hor. 7-4. 4-1.

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Rackets

Boon bestrides the new and old worlds

By Roy McKelvie
Only briefly did William Boon
and Randall Crawley, a new team
this season, falter while winning
the amateur rackets doubles championship at Queen's Club yesferday. They beat the holders,
Howard Angus and Andrew Milne.
by 15—3, 15—12, 15—5, 12—15,
15—5 in the final round to become
the first pair to hold simulthe first pair to hold simultaneously the first pair to hold simultaneously the files of this country. United States and Canada.

The moment of doubt in a march of the highest quality came when Boon, the outstanding player was Boon, the outstanding player, was serving at the start of the fourth

BMW to supply.

with engines

Motor racing

Brabham

same: Like a yacht with its sails full of wind, he headed for home with an irresistible burst of serving and play that look his side to 6—0. At the next point Crawley, with the court virtually at his mercy, arismpted an exaggerated drop shot and missed.

The effect was the same as if the breeze had suddenly died down Augus and Miles took the only chance they had of prolonging the match, then Crawley, coming in to serve at 5—5 in the fifth same, made up for his deviation with an excellent run of 10, including four service aces.

Many of the railies, particularly in the early part of the match, were splendidly played. Boon was the dominant character and Crawley, until he began to make a few unforced errors early in the second game, bit many strokes with all the sweeness of a Tom Grageney. Milne, was the main Grageney. Graveney. Milne was the main larger of attack, and held-his own in the second game until he made a forehend error at 12—13 that cost his side the service box.

Final ROUND: W. R. Boon and R. A. Crawley best H. R. Anhus and A. G. Mühe. 15—3. 15—12. 13—5.

Equestrianism

Mrs Loriston-Clarke has

Jennie Loriston-Clarke and Dutch Courage, the stallion she bought in The Netherlands as a bought in The Netherlands as a stree-year-old, achieved a magnificent grand slam of successes at the Toyota International dressage championships which ended at Goodwood yesterday. On Friday she won the intermediate by 34 points, on Saturday she took the grand prix by 64 points, and yesterday she completed her third victory with the grand prix special, which she won by 40 points. On each occasion her runger-up was Georg Theodescoru, the distinguished West Cerman

Mrs Loriston-Clarke, who has pursued a successful career in the show ring from the days just the war when she rode 12-2 d pomies, attained fame in derearliest years by her exploits on the Exmoor pony Skipper, who carried her to victory in open hunter trials in Dorset, where he consistently defeated horses to hunter trials in Dorset, where he consistently defeated horses to whom he was giving away three and four hands in height, as well as carrying her brilliantly in the hunting field. She began doing dressage on her champion show hatk. Desert Storm, who was by no means temperamentally suited to the exercise and when she achieved her first success at the Royal Windsor Horse. Show, I recall her father. Colonel Bullen, telling, hie that none of the ladies.

With engines

By John Blunsden

BMW, the Munich-based car
manufacturers, have announced a
three-year courract with the
Brabham formola-one neam for
the supply of a series of 11-litre
four-cyclinder turbocharged engines
for use in grand peix racing.
Brabham will have exclusive use
of the engines in 1981, but Baww
will be free to sell them to other
teams from 1982 onwards.

The formula one engine, which
will be developed from the production-block 1.4 litre power unit
used by Baw in the 1979 German
Sports Car Championship, has also
been the subject of negotiations;
with the French Taibot company,
who had been expected to develop
thair own version of the design.
However, it appears that these
discussions have been shelved.

The future of both turbocharged
and normally aspirated engines in
grand prix racing now seems to be
assured following the confirmation by the recent FISA plenary
conference that from 1983 a new
formula one will come into effect
based on a fuel-efficiency formula
controlled by a fuel-flow meter.
The precise rate of fuel flow has
yet to be announced.

The Weybridge driver. Tiff
Needell, aged 28, gets his formuda
one chance next weekend as
replacement for the injured Clay
Regarzoni in the Ensign team for
the Belgian grand prix at Zoider.
Needell will, be testing the car in
England today recall her-father. Colonel Bullen, telling he that none of the ladies she had beaten gave her so much as a smile, har less a word of congratulations. But she persevered, first with the German-bred Kadett and then with Dutch Courage, on whom, two years ago, she won' a bronze medal in the world championships. Parlov retires Belgrade, April 27.—Mate Parlov, of Yugoslavia, the former world light heavyweight champion, worth ngur-neavyweight champion, has retired after failing to stage a comeback as World Boxing Council cruiserweight champion against Marvin Camel, of the United States, last month.—Reuter. She is now only the third British rider to wdin an inter-national grand prix, the others

third dressage success By Pamela Macgregor-Morris being Mrs P. J. Gold and Mrs Robert Hall. It only remains to add that she was one of the first

to declare her determination not to declare her determination not to compete in the Olympic Games in Moscow, though she must have stood an excellent chance of winning a medal. Her sister, Jane Holderness-Roddam, won a team gold medal in the 1968 Olympic three-day event in Mexico, and her brother, Michael, rode in the 1960 three-day event in Rome.

Running concurrently at Bicton in Devon where the Midhand Bank horse trials, organized so well by Major and Mrs Strachan, whose daughter Clarissa belped to win the Buropean championship in 1977. The advanced class yesterday was won by Alison Hough with Sprackliff, a 13-year-old who did well to defeat Mark Todd of New Zealand, the Badminton winner, on Jocasta, and Eric Horgan from Ireland on his Punchestown and Grookham winner, Pontoon. He is staying with "Tub" Lyens in Buckinghamshire and has also asked the selectors not to consider him for Moscow.

captain Mark Phillips was unplaced on the British Equestrian
Federation's Rough and Tough—
who was prone to full with his
former owner, Brynley Powell—
but he won the novice regional
trial with the Range Rover team's
Town and Country, at the expense
of Ann Backhouse, the former
European show jumping champion,
on Grain Fair. Princess Anne was
unable to ride as she is suffering
from influenza. from influenza.

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Matheson's splendid win will lift **British**

From Jim Railton Mannheim, April 27

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While the Soviet Union, predictably dominated the Mannheim international regatta over the weekend, the British made more than their presence felt. Britain's frustration, after a massive haul of second and third places from 34-finalists over the weekend, was the need to win a top event. It came at last at the very end of the regatta when a well-known loner from Nottingham broke the spell with a precious win.

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spell with a precious win.

As the British team was about to leave, Hugh Matheson stormed down this dockland basin course to take the single sculls, hiatheson, with almost a length to spare, crossed the line anead of the Czech veteran, Lacina, and the 10,263a. Samulov, ranked nimin in the world last year. Inls victory was not somehow, from a British out samehow, from a British buint of view, it was well-needed and surely a psychological boost to the British team's next international appearance in Essen in

But the British selectors face problems and time is running out. The most disappointing performance of the weakend was tast of Clark and Ballicu in the double sculls. They timished fourth on Saturday and third today. The problems are tecanical. Someons to marriage of a talenced oursman and a gifted sculler are not working out. While they rated high off the start, the field today left them in their wake. The British double is somehow working against itself and a complete reappraisal of rig and approach scenis necessary.

The national training team coxed four over the weekend made it a 5-0 victory over Kingston, who last year carried the tiag in the World enamplonships and finished a very creditable seventh. long again it was less than a length lative at the two crews. But sarely now the matter is action, having a considerable experience for iness youngaties. But the British selectors face

The Britisa coxed fours tudzy The Brillad Curry tours toury finished second and thirt, absent two lengths beaind a very talented Russian craw woo was the world the lu coxicss fours two years ago and linished courts in the same and the same for the event last year. But more to the point, the two British fours lin-led accad of he 1979 West German world bronze medal winners and this proved they are far better town most expected.

Justice at least was seen to be done today with the second place gained by Britain's consistent coxiess pair, Carmiciael and Wiggin. On Saturday, in a sudcen ocath situation with only one crew qualifying for the float, the British pair ran headlong in their host against the world silver medal wilders—the Pimenov brothers from the Soviet Union. They finished second, and second overall in time in the beats by 10 seconds—over three lengths. But today, although the sun wid not saine on the course; the British pair walked through to the Russiars, despite not putting it all luggither in their tinishing sprint. Carmichael and Wiggin have more to give

The London Rowing Club coxless four, who have won two consecutive world brother medals, are in good stride. But after their

security worst prome megals, are in good stride. But after their place today behind two Russian crews, they will have to find an overdrive to take an Olympic

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Gower to own rescue

David Gower, out to rescue his reputation after a disappointing winter tour, is one of five Leicestershire players picked for the Duchess of Norfolk's XI against West Indies at Arundel Castle on

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Record prices paid for American paintings at New York auction

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent American collectors and dealers surpassed themselves in hidding American paintings of the nineteenth and early twentieth century to record levels at Sotheby Parke Bernot in

New York on Friday.

A record auction price for any painting of the Wild West was established when a New Mexico dealer paid \$300,000 lestimate \$100,000 to \$150,000, or £131,579, for a moody landscape, "Indian Encampment, Late Afternoon" by Aihert Eierstadt, dated 1862.

That surprise I the auctioneers who had expected to best the record with an early twentieth century work. Charles Marion Russell's "The War Party", a group of Indian warriors gathered on a hill: it sold for \$250,000 testimate \$200.000 to \$350,000, or £109.649, to a St Louis dealer, establishing an auction record for the artist. A record was set for work of the American impressionists school when "October Sun-down Newport", by Frederick Childe Hassam dated 1901, sold for \$205.000 testimate \$80.000 to \$120,000, or £89.912.

Sotheby's had estimated two other Hassam paintings at \$100,000 to \$125,000: Union Square" of 1892, which sold for \$190,000, or £83,323; and "August Afternoon, Appledore, Maine" of 1900, which made \$145,000, or 563,596. An auction record for an

American watercolour was established when Winslow established when Winslow Homer's "Orange Trees and Gate" of 1885 made \$165,000 restimate \$75,000 to \$100,0001, or \$72,368. And an auction record for the work of an American woman artist was set Georgia O'Keeffe's "Autumn Leaves 2", painted in 1927, made \$175,000 (estimate

\$100,000 to \$150,000), or £76,754 On Saturday Sotheby's were offering fine English furniture in New York, As in London it was the items of exceptional quality that were most strongly competed for.

An exotically veneered Oueen Anne inlaid and stained mul-berrywood double-domed bureau bookcase, attributed to G. Coxed and T. Worster, and dated to around 1715, sold for \$43,000 (estimate \$25,000 to \$35,000), or \$21,052. Minite Paper, Witnesses: The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Room 18, 4-15 pm. Terrorrow Extrequent, Room 18, 4-15 pm. Terrorrow Extrement. Subject: Council house sales, Witnesses: Leeds City Council, Room 19, 4-15 pm. Vechnesday: Education, Science and Aris Subject: Hotmanion, Science and Aris Subject: Bale of the vechnifice and associated boats in the subject of the Committee and associated boats in the Council of the Council house and associated bodies in development employment apportunities in the Council house and of the council of the Council house and the Council house of Council on the United Kinglein of the council house of Council house and council house of Council house and council house of Council house of Council on the United Kinglein of the committee of Council house and the Council house and the Council house of Council house of Council house of Counc

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The delights of Norfolk

Latest pamphlets include tion of farm vehicles, tools, imple-folk. By Phil Drackett. It is often have been built up over the past claimed, in a far from dispuraging way, that one of the many delights of Norfolk, or at any rate large market is state one of the largest of Norfolk, or at any rate large that it has not caught up with the pace of life elsewhere, the owner and two men farm the fone hopes, it hever will. But that it not to say it is a county that has and five boys to tend in the days not witnessed thange. Many of the not witnessed change. Many of the harbours that Mr Drockett includes in his excellent guide to the north Korfolk coast have declined in the volume of trade or fishing handled: the cargoes arriving there nowadays are human arriving hy road in the form of tourists. Many of the inus about which he writes authoritatively have also changed. swallowed by thirsty national smallowed by thirsty national giants. It is consoling news, how-ever, that the number of free houses has greatly increased re-cently and that some of the larger brewers, under regional names, are producing more palatable refresh-ment. The author has not confined his description entirely to the luns and harbours of the fifte; he fo-cludes much useful information about churches and other buildings about courtness and other buildings in the towns and villages along the coast he knows so well. It is all packed, into a book whose size allows it to fit comfortably into a pucket. No visitor to those parts should be without it.

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Pakula: the director as catalyst

Considering that 50 per cent of Californian marriages end in the courts, it has taken Hollywood a long time to luok at the real emotions of divorce. James L. Brooks, scriptwriter of Starting Over, the film about a divorce-damaged suitor which has recently opened in London, invited Alan J. Pakula to direct a similar script five years ago. Brooks was one of the founder writers of the years ago. Brooks was one of the founder writers of the Mary Tyler Moore Show, a cult comedy in the United States, still writing light-hearted and award-winning television, and unhappily divorced. Pakula turned him down with some words of encouragement as a fellow divorce. "I had just gotten remarried so I told him true happiness might be just around the corner." The idea struck home, for Brooks telephoned Pakula out of the blue when he came across it again when he came across it again in the novel Starting Over.

Pakula was cautiously in-terested. "I said let's work on it and see. I wanted to do a film about men and women without the agonizing and the angst. I didn't want it to be the story of a bitchy wife or a neurotic man whose marriage breaks up because of those traits. Burt Reynolds plays a simple man who is a kind of anachronism because in the Thirties and Forties he would be married to Candy Bergen and live happily ever after. But in a time of different expectations, where the rela-tions between the sexes are more complex and what they expect of each other is more hazy, the marriage founders."

But Pakula had no idea whom to cast in the part which went to Reynolds. "In the old days I could have gone with Hink Fonda or Jimmy Stewart in a different way. I knew everybody was wrong for this grass roots American man. He had to be post-Brando, quite the opposite of Woody Allen's classic, urban, sensitive, intellectual neurotic, he had to have comic skills. Burt's agent gave him the script and he sed he wanted to do it. He and I skirted each other and screened each other for the longest time. He was trying to convince me he was serious in his work. It never occurred to me that he wasn't, but we thought we came from different worlds."

Pakula, an extremely youthful 52, is a former studio executive who majored in drama at Yale, one of a band of articulate graduates who seem flat-the situation, then sometimes tered by the attentions of I'll get outrageous. Sometimes Hollywood yet have hidden sur-you get wonderful surprises Hollywood yet have hidden survival qualities. For 10 years he failed to persuade anybody he could direct. "You may not be what your father does in Hollywood, but you are what your wood, but you are what you go very fast so he was pretty are and I was a producer. I nervous. People said I would kept saying I only got this job never get him to do a lot of as a producer so I could takes because he didn't work direct and I want to direct that was I reclied I had

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because actors." work with actors." Finally he got his chance to direct Liza Minelli The Surile Cuckoo, and made his point about actors when Jane Fonda won an Academy Award in Riute. As a veteran of several Yale productions Pakula had a low opinion of his own acting skills. He is still star-struck after 30 years in the humineer. in the business.

"Burt is a wonderful comic actor and one of the most skilled people I have ever worked with I started by saying: 'What sort of film do you see in this?' He said the part was closer to who be thought he was then anything he had ever played. Burt has also been divorced. I was hesitant. I thought it is one thing if it is comedy but if it is going to be camped up it will really fall apart. The comedy has to come out of simple reakty. I always start from replity.

" First I shoot the real situation, then what is funny about the cituation, then sometimes

take the chance, and the very first day of rehearsal I knew he was committed and that he he was committed and that he tried hard and was very inventive. He also likes working with his fellow actors, which impressed me. I like working with actors who work from each other. If you want to change one performance you change what the other actor is doing and they should respond doing and they should respond differently. There are actors whose whole conception of the part is so engraven on their mind that, if you change the other actor from a 35-year-old noman to a four-year-old boy and write an earthquake into the scene, they go right ahead and do what they were doing

before. performance a director ing out to make the world's greatest picture every time, not meant to be a plug for Directing is now in the posithis film." tion the novel used to be when

Still, Salsa is apparently to be shown to local audiences in New York and it will certainly help with that inspirational first step.

Ruth Prawer Jhabvala would

good work happens that way. What comes out of the director's cult is self-conscious pre-tension, thinking of yourself as an Artist making Art."

Perhaps to avoid any such cult—though also to avoid the expected earthquake-Pakula has now moved back from California, to New York, where, being among writers, he has started to write between films. In his old age he anticipates wanting to be a novelist again, but he is still hooked on the gregariousness of filming and the chameleon existence it

"When I made All the President's Men Bill Woodward said the excitement of reporting to come into other peoples' lives at the most intense point, live them for six months catalyst. You can't work with and then leave. My father, who someone you don't relate to was in the printing business which is why I don't think and who thought film-making every good director should was some sort of insanely inwhich is why I don't think and who thought film-making every good director should was some sort of insauely imwork with every good actor. In mature escapist idea, once said the old days you had no 'You have to start over again choice. If they said Lana Turner was available and you were under contract to MGM you I love about it'. I love taking worked with Lata Turner. everything off at the end of a But you made three or four film that had to do with that pictures a year. There is something to be said for not start preassociations of the next. I ling out to make the world's love starting over, and that is love starting over, and that is

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The Blues Band Chelsea College

day night a few hundred midnight scholars gathered at the King's Road-side to jump around, clap and sing along until they almost dropped to the manic music of The Blues Band. Paul Jones, the actor, singer and harmonica player, singer and harmonica player, organized this quinter just a year ago. Teaming up with a fellow veteran of Manfred Mann, circa 1964, the guitaristinger Tom McGuinness, Jones recruited three adpet sidemen. The Blues Band appears dedi-

pains of convention and circle, but they are never dull.
"Death Letter" was a show-piece for Dave Kelly's "Bottle-neck" slide guitar, which resonated with rich vibrato. "Come On In" was an idiomatic original one of many numbers that highlighted Jones's soaring, guitty mouth harn victuality. that highlighted Jones's soaring, gritty mouth-harp virtuosity. McGuinness's guitar breaks, Hughie Flint's drumming and bass work by Gary Fletcher showed how the blues went to town and became, technically adventurous. Of newer additions to their repertory, "Everything Down on Me" threw off a lot of sparks. The band has a potential hit in "Maggie's Farm", dedicated to "Our Leader" as a protest song with a fantastic protest song with a fantastic vocal antipliony against drums at its climax. A rare weak-moment was: "Scratch My-Back", which The Fabulous Thunderbirds do with more sly

Robert Shelton

The latest of the seemingly endless revivals of Rhythm and Elues is in full steam. On Fri-

cated to the proposition that every night is New Year's Eve. However mired in trouble and plaint are the roots of their material, they deliver nothing but a joyful roar, shouting over the riffs of heavily amplified instruments to a sledgehammer beat. The sough-from such Delta and Chicago stalwarts as Sleepy John Esges, Son House, Chuck Berry, Muddy Waters and Willie Dixon—may have the pating of convention and cliche, but they are never dail

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to realize what one is missing by not travelling.

Today the greatest trans-port of delight for non-travellers is renewed: the sixth edition of the Times.
Atlas thumps from the press. Some of us will never take the golden road to Samarkand, or see the Taj Mahal by moonlight, or climb Chimborazo, phers. And a grey has been Cotopaxi, or taste the chaste added for certain relief feadelights of Benidorm. With the tures, so that much of Afg-Times Atlas we can enjoy it all Times Atlas we can enjoy it all hanistan has turned grey be-from our trusty armchairs, and tween editions. The atlas is let our imaginations do the now beautified in eight

travelling There has been a deplorable increase in geography in the five years since the last edi-tion. New countries, new names, new roads, new reservoirs and dams, new imaginary lines between nations, separating the imaginary rights of one from the imaginary rights of the other. More than 25,000 changes have been made in the Atlas to reflect these changes: I shall never walk through the Rift Valley, alas and dammit. But it is a comfort that the cartographers of the learned house of John Bartholomew have altered the tracks so that our imaginations can stroll freely through the El Barta

Plains. The biggest change is that the Times Atlas has taken the plunge, and gone over from the Wade-Giles system to Pinyin for the transcription of the 7,000 names in mainland bet. Pinvin was launched in 1958, but little was done in China until recently to make the change. Now that it has been widely adopted, the Bible of atlases, which contains more Chinese names than any other world atlas, has given its im-

primatur to the change.

This is all very well. Standardization is indeed a virtue in spelling. But some of the old Wades-Giles renderings are potent incantations in the English linguage. No doubt Beijing and Guangzhou are closer to the Chinese pronunciations. But I do not think that they will ever replace Peking and Canton as the way that English-speakers transcribe and pronounce the names of these great cities. The Jesuit missionaries' spelling of Peking has been part of English since the chinoiserie craze of the eighteenth century.

After all, we persevere in

our obstinate way in saying Germany, and Athens, and Jaffa, and Brussels, and Mos-

From today The Times is expanding its Arts page to include a daily literary feature. This will usually be a major review of an important new book. Over the next few days Edward Heath will review Richard Nixon's The Real War, P. D. James will review a new book about Agatha Christie, Alex Moulton will write about the history of technology and F. H. Lawson will review The

cow, regardless of the fact that the ignorant natives pronounce spell those places quite

Oxford Companion to Law.

Pace the didacticism of the Times Atlas, I dare say that I shall continue to call the place Tibet rather than Xizang Zizhiqu. Of course, cross-references to the old spellings have been kept in the index, and the better-known old names have been retained on the maps, quarantined brackets.

After accuracy, comprehen siveness, and clarity in delin-earing the world on paper, beauty is a virtue in atlases. new edition has introduced two new colours to increase its virtues. A trans-parent purple is now used for international and provincial frontiers, those unreal and contentious marks for cartogra-

colours. · The preliminary essays on earth sciences have been rewritten to give the latest news on such matters as continental drift, world eating habits, and space travel, with diagrams of those most monstrous of all forms of travel with names like Salyud 6 and Voyager 2. Mexico City has overtaken London to move up to third place in the league table of metropolitan areas with the biggest populations. Thank the son of lapetus himself, who holds the sky up, that the Nile is still the longest river, just.

The conventional signs and glossary are rich North-West Passages for the imagination to travel. The mark for a Sheikh's Tomb comes before the one for a cathedral. And did you know that öbör is the Mongo-lian for both "inner" and "bossom"? The index, reset by computer, gives 210,000 names, China into the Roman alpha- most of which I shall never visit, except by atlas. The dust jacket has a photograph taken from Skylab of Upper Egypt and the Red Sea, shrinking the Nile and the rest of that busy ing insignificance in the cold eye of outer space. Fortunately even the demi-Atlas of the earth, the arm and burgonet of anti-travellers, cannot peneanti-travellers, cannot pene-trate into every cranny of our

> For instance, the map of London rightly shows Chiswick House: But it leaves out Walpole House on Chiswick Mall, where Becky Sharp was edu-cated and last week there was a heavenly display of blos-soms that somehow escaped the attention of the cartogra-phers. And we can still hide from the all-seeing map-men in the forest surrounding the Dal-quairn Burn that runs into aposiopesis: on second thoughts it would be imprudent to tell them.

little lives.

Philip Howard

Medici Quartet Wigmore Hall

Judith Nagley

Hailed in recent years as one of Britain's most talented young string quartets, the Medici now have the burden of a high reputation to live up to Saturday's recital affirmed many of their fine qualities, but it also revealed some surprising weak-nesses which, if they are not merely temporary aberrations, must be overcome for the quar-tet to fulfil its promise. Their ambitious programme began with Haydn's Op 76 No 4

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in some ways the most successful item, despite eccentricities of tempo. The "surrise" theme was carefully shaped at the opening and sensibly phrased thereafter, and there was a constant alertness in all the players to the harmonic and metrical subtleties that reveal Hayda at his most mature.
The Adagio, though luxuri-

ant, never lost sight of a steady -pulse and was nicely set off by bouncy Landler rhythms in the Minuet: it must have been the appeal of the same footstamp problems. Ne ing spirit that persuaded the was more that Medici to transform the norm car expertise.

ally exuberant finale into a stately peasant dance, which, though it gives more point to the presto coda, is out of keeping with the movement's melodic character.

Mozart's "Dissonance" Quartet, K465, began by including in the introduction all the subtleties the composer requested (and some that he did not). Elsewhere a thick, full-hodied tone and a general unwillingness to admit light and air into the textures made for heavy weather, straining some passages beyond what Mozart can have intended. Scattered throughout, though, were flashes of insight and moments of tenderness that showed the work's essential spirit to be well within the Medici's grasp.

Inere was much to admire in Brahms's A minor Quartet, Op 51 No 2, not least the incisive. vigorous attack and well-unified ensemble that are the Medici's special strengths. This is a difficult work to pace and balance: the main melodic material was sometimes overshadowed, primacy mistakenly being given to secondary figuration; and anxiety over projec-tion of tone led to some forcing, and thence to intonation problems. Nevertheless there was more than enough techni-

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Ghetto inspiration

Jeremy Marre's South Eark
Show film of an all-night song contest in a migrant workers'
Still, Salsa is apparently to be hostel in South Africa, which was broadcast last year was New York, and it will certainly both moving and extraordinary. Last night the South Bank Show brozdcast his new film, Salsa, which must have given most broadcast his new film, Saisa. Ruth Prawer Jhabvala would which must have given most die rather than go back to her viewers their first earful of roots, since these were in Nazi another kind of ghetto music. Germany In the course of an A big ghetto, this one: officially two million Puerto Ricaus, last night (An Experience of unofficially three and a half, India, BBC 2) this sweet rather most of them living in the said woman talked about her Bronx or the Lower East Side cultural wanderings and about and suffering the traditional woes of big-city minority groups. With its infectious beat and its Afro Latin roots salsa music has recently been ruth-lessly commercialized, in some disco music, but it still seems to underpin a street culture.

Philharmonia/

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William Mann

by Tchaikovsky and Shostako-

The performances showed, still more cogently, his appreciative liaison with the Philarmonia: every department of

that much improved orchestra played for him as if angelically

possessed and he, naturally re-ecting, like a cat who has fallen

upon several pints of un-attended creem, drew more and

more brilliance and euphony, and executive refinement, from his colleagues as the evening

He began with a rarity, three movements from Tchaikovsky's

incidental music for Ostrovsky's

Snow Maiden (better known through Rimsky-Korsakov's

later operatic treatment of it).

A trade union dispute made

proceeded.

Svetlanov

places to the point of ousting Marre's film gazed sympathe-tically into the nooks and crannies of the salsa world and came back with some familiar these. In Puerto Rico itself, salsa goes down a treat at the local Holiday Inn. In New York the children of this tribe are imbued by the education system with a sense of corporate worthlessness, and salsa activists see music as the key to their latent self-respect. The parallels with West Indian cultural activism in London were striking: the same basic perceptions, the same exaggerated hopes. (In the march towards political and economic enlightenment, song

the way these had forced-fed her writing. She gave the impression of someone who defends herself against experience: she talks, as she writes, in pale watercolours. The James Mason character in her own favourite film (Autobioown tavourite film (Autonography of a Princess, BBC 2, Saturday) apparently spoke for her in his eventual disenchantment with India.

It is interesting to speculate her proposed to the same of the s how Bernard Levin would write about India if he actually had to live there. The first of The Levin Interviews (BBC 2. Saturday) saw him in predictably fine form with a splendidly cogent interviewee. Vladimir Bukovsky. Easy stuff, though: the sort of thing he could do in his sleep, if he ever slept. Levin made his name by cracking touch nuts; let him crack some more.

Michael Church As it happens, I write the programme notes for Philharmonia concerts, so I spent some days learning Tchaikovsky's Snegurochka, and would like to rear a much larger selection from its succulent cornucopia (ir needs chorus and some solo-voices). The three movements given here made a tantalizing home bouche, the first two ex-Having paid his warm and wel-

come tribute to a great Eritish composer last Tuesday, Yevgeny Syetlanov on Thursday devoted his concert with the Philbarmonia Orchestra entirely to music from his native Russia, by Tehnikovsky and Shorrako. quisitely played, the Dance of the Clowns quite brilliant, kept on the tautest rein, thrilling. After that came Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto with Vladi-mir Spivakov as soloist, a mar-vellous technician, no question, but alas no moralist in music. He rephrased and otherwise altered Tchaikovsky ad libitum. never to better effect, usually to distort the composer's utter-

ance. Finally Shostakovich's fifth symphony, a dreadfully vulgar affair, unless you believe those memoirs put out by Abraham Volkov. Svetlanov's whole-hearted reading, in which supreme virtuosity served per-sonal expression to the full, encouraged one to believe that Volkov is telling the truth, that the work is not vulgar, but loaded with cynicism and disdain, contrasted with the subordinate pride and aspiration of an individual. For the first time sure that programme-bonks this symphony ougaged my sym-would not be on sale to the pathies, though the finale does strain anybody's credibility.

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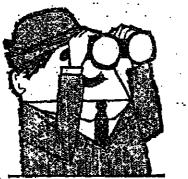
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artment in March, 1980, a were 56 comprehensive oping schemes of over 00 sq ft gross under conction, totalling 8.85 milsq fr gross of floor e, which is over 10 per less than the previous

quantity of space planning consent has local authority and loper, is 10 million sq Bredero. nd the amount of space

planning stage is similar. The figures, says the survey, suggest no increase in the amount of floor space to he opened during the next year above the 4 to 4.5 million sq ft which has opened

A modest decline is even possible. The average size of schemes also appears to be Marsh Street. dropping after a peak in Much of the area is 1979. The 22 schemes which cleared, underutilized or opened in 1979 averaged obsolescent and some street 176,000 sq ft each. This compares with 154,000 sq ft for required. The net addition schemes under construction and 151,000 sq ft for those planned as at March, 1980.

The survey notes that, excluding new towns, there are no signs of more giant shopping centres of over 750,000 sq ft being built, but that there are several schemes under construction or planned in the 500,000 sq

ft to 600,000 sq ft range.

Town and City heads the list of developers with the most floor space under comstruction or planned, fol-lowed by Norwich Union and given and where there Laing Properties. The next intention to proceed by two on the list are Heron, and the Dutch developers.

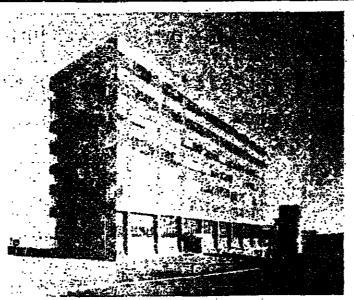
proposed but not yet at the development scheme which is expanding is in Walsall where, after the successful completion of the Saddler's Centre, Walsall Borough Council has decided to proceed with a second stage of the scheme in an area emeach year over the past three bracing Station Street, Park Street, Marsh Street, and Little Station Street, plus some land to the north of

to retail space will be about 70,000 sq fr and the scheme will form a natural extension of the Saddler's Centre. The scheme will include a new bus station and additional

Edward Erdman and Co. who were concerned with the Saddler's Centre, are con-sultants to the Walsall Corporatioa.

· The same agents have also been concerned in a transaction in Birmingham, where the Corporation Square shopping centre has been sold by Ravenseft Properties to Pearl Assurance Co.

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In Tamworth, Stafford-1960s. It includes 44 shops, shire, Hillier Parker May and a department store and other Rowden, who were concerned large units, an open market, with the project management three public houses and and letting of the Ankerside various other amenities, shopping centre, have been Erdman acted for Ravenseft instructed together with the in the sale and have been Elsom Pack Roberts Partner- house and light industrial appointed managing agents ship, architects, by the space in units from 1,000 sq for Pearl. borough council to draw up ft.

proposals for a second phase of the scheme.

The first phase, which is to be opened by the Queen in June, is an enclosed and heated shopping complex providing 150,000 sq ft, a multistorey car park for 550 vehicles, residential uses and some upper floor business uses. The 30,000 sq ft supermarket is let to Sainsburys, and Boots and W. H. Smith occupy store units.

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Is this American failure one too many? It is as true in the Arab world abandonment of all as as it is anywhere else that nothing succeeds like success—and The moderate Arab co nothing fails like failure. The bungled American attempt to free the hostages by force, however, is much more serious than an isolated case of failure from which, after all, no one is immune, But when failure fol-

lows upon failure, the conviction sets in that this pattern is the rule rather than the excep-Even before his abortive bid

in rescue the hostages from Tehran, President Carter's policies faced an acute crisis of credibility in the Arab world. The Acab reaction to this latest failure can be understood only it we pass in quick review over the reasons for this crisis.

Most people in the Arab world which, because of oil has become one of the most sensi-tive regions for the West, perceive Mr Carter's policies in the following terms:

don's don's David, Mr Carter departed from what had until then been a basic rule in American Mideast policy: not to push for a separate peace agreement netween Egypt and Israel. I re-member Dr Henry Kissinger telling me when he was still Secretary of State that "... The United States is steadfastle appared to a separate peace between Egypt and Israel for three obvious reasons: first, uch a peace would isolate Egypt from the rest of the Arab world, which is detrimental to Egypt's interests, second, it would cancel Egypt's moderating influence over the other Arco parties to the problem,

which is as barmful to them as it is to the United States, and third, it would not produce reace, because the conflict is not only between Egypt and Israel, but is something wider. When Mr Carter, after 18 ouths in office abruptly departed from that rule, the

only explanation the Arabs could see was that the American president, whose policies were all coming unstuck, wanted to achieve a quick victory in the Middle East crisis with an eye more on his own electoral interests than on United States strategic interests.

Not only did the dangers that

Rissinger and others saw materialize, but the Arabs found themseives under pressure by he Americans to back the Camp David accords which for them represented, quite apart from

The moderate Arab countries, already worried at this amoutation of Egypt from the Arab budy, began to feel they were under pressure not only to forget about the Palestinian cause but to endanger the stability of their own regimes which, in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states, are in fact not much more than families. and tribes with flags. Their only claim to legitimacy lies on a hulf-traditional, half-religious basis and, should they abandontheir responsibilities towards the Holy places of Islam-including Jerusalem-nothing much would be left of their basis to legitimacy. Any Ameri-

can arm-twisting on this issue was doomed not only to fail but also to generate deep resentment and bitterness.

American policy towards the revolution in Iran, especially as regards the Shall, eroded their confidence in the United States still further. Quite apart from any value judgments on his regime or the methods it employed, no Arab ruler could imore the words of General

revolutionary tribunal: The United States took the Shah by the scruff of his neck and threw him out of Iran like

Ruba'i, former commander of the Iranian air force, before a

There is a measure of truth in what he said. After backing the Shah unconditionally until as late as January 1979, the United States suddenly dropped him in a last-ditch effort to save the army. But as the Iranian revolution gained momen-tum, it swept the whole deal along with it. Not only was the Shah discarded like a dead mouse but the Iranian army collapsed—at least as a force on which the United States could rely and which it could use in

any future designs. And so every Arab ruler understood clearly that the United States would not stand any of its friends who faced an internal danger. @ When the Soviets invaded

Aighanistan at the end of 1979 the Arab world saw the United States standing helplessly by as a Middle Eastern country succumbed to a danger coming without. Some months ago I happened to be in the Gulf area, when the advance units the United States Fifth Fleet, diverted from the Pacific



After the rescue fiasco, Mr Carter's prestige in the Arab world falls even further

President Sadat and President Carter share a laugh ... but what do other Arabs feel now?

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah el Ahmed el Sabah, told me: "The Russians are over their in Afghanistan. not here in the Guit. It they wanted to fight them that is became acute. In an earlier where the Americans should stage most Arab countries could have gone, not here." Sheikh not keep up with the sabre-rattling from Washington, not here in the Gulf. If they Sabah's words express the viewpoint of the governments in the that they can rely only on themselves when a question of

internal danger arises...

the Arab world against the Soviet aggression on Alghanistan in the name of Islam. The Arabs were simply not prepared to see Mr Carter in the role of protector of Islam when it was his policies which ad led to the issue of erusalem, a Holy shrine for had Islam, being placed in cold storage at Camp David.

How could they respond to Mr Carter's battle cry in the name of Kabul, which had been invaded for a matter of weeks, and forget Jeruselem which has been under occupation for ears, with no end in sight? They refused all efforts to recruit them in an Islamic pact the separate peace between across the Indian Ocean, directed against the Soviet the area surrounding it, who Egent and Israel, a complete second into the Guif. Com- invasion of Afganistan, feeling regarded what was happening

menting on the event, the that they were being asked to Kuwaiti Foreign Minister, fight with the Koran a battle Sheikh Sabah el Ahmed el which the US refused to wage with its arsenal of power.
This is where things stood

before the nostage crisis became acute. In an earlier days after the hostages had been taken. They felt the situation was difficult for the ... Americans. Armed intervention As to dangers from without - appeared impossible because it the oil producers cannot defend could spark off an explosion the oil fields against the Soviet extending far beyond the borders of Iran. Waging a punitive Union. Any such confronta-tion must be undertaken by the strike would have been a sterile Americans were now exhorting likely, as it would have led to complete chaos in one of the most sensitive areas of the

> shake off the feeling that something was going to happen.
> We must remember that Arab

> feelings towards the Islamic revolution in Iran were ambivalent. Those who approved of its Islamic character disapproved of its revolutionary fervour. while those who admired its revolutionary ferrour had their reservations about its religious character. It must be said in all fairness that the thrust of the Iranian revolution and the stolence that accompanied it did not make matters easy for

in Iran with a mixture of admiration and doubt, awe and fear. Added to that was the feeling of waiting for the un-

known to happen. But whatever form the un-known could take, Arabs felt the Americans would not resort to force. They believed the time for force was past, if only because activities in the political and diplomatic areas had led to some progress on the hostage question. Following efforts by the United Nations, its Secre tary-General and the special commission he had dispatched to Iran, Khomeini had announced that the nostages would be the first item on the agenda of the new Iranian parliament scheduled to meet in the second half of May.

While the Americans did not object to this decision, President Carter suddenly came up with the new demand that the hostages be transferred from the authority of the students occupying the American Em-bassy to that of the Revolutionary Council. As Mr Bani Sadr explained to all mediators. neither he as an elected Presidept nor the council could keep hostages. If the students could defy international law by taking hostages, the authority of the state could not. To the astonishment of many people. President Carter persisted in his de--not that the costages be released immediately but that they be transferred to the custody of the Revolutionary Coun-

under the pressures of the pri-maries. Most people in the Arab world thought that these pressures would not push him much further than psychologi-cal, economic or political war-fare in collaboration with some of America's allies in the West. As it happened they were wrong. Not only did he try to

use military force and fail lamentably — which was bad enough politically-but even worse was the excuse he gave for this failure. The metaphysical belief in American power, and technology was badly shaken. Obviously a plan of this importance and sensitivity had received the very best in the way of America's human and material resources. In addition, the regional stage was all set with American military bases throughout the region, not to mention the naval units scat-tered around the Gulf and the Indian Ocean, in spite of that the operation failed "because 40 per cent of the equipment used at the most sensitive stage of the operation broke down-three out of eight belicopters" In the ensuing confusion,
"American planes collided together" and the bodies of
American marines killed in the operation were left behind. The general impression in the Arab world-and even if it is only a first impression its impact is bound to remain for a long

starting now, to suffer from The Arab world heard Ayatollah Khomeini say that ter is trying to imitate the lion, but he is not a hon? Mr Carter has proved to be no fox either. He should perhaps have Professor Brzezinski over to the oval office for a second reading of Machiavelli's The Prince, particularly the part in which he

time to come—is that those

who depend on American power to protect them from

external dangers are entitled;

A prince being thus obliged to know well how to act as a beast must imitate the fox and the lion, for the lion cannot protect himself from traps, and the fox cannot defend himself from the wolves. One must therefore be a fox to recognize traps and a lion to frighten

Mohammed Heikal The author is former editor Cairo newspaper Al

Ahram. cil. It was clear that he was I Times Newspapers Limited, 1980

Overcrowded prisons ring the alarm bells

attempting to put together a strates to reduce the prison population, but it appears that this is insufficiently developed and inclination of courts to im-to be included in Mr William pose custodial sentences the Whitelaw's general statement prison population has continued on prisons expected tomorrow. The need for a coherent prison population policy has been given urgency by the sharp upward turn of more than 1.000 month since January. This has taken the prison population of England and Wales, which includes persons on remand and sentenced to prisons, borstals and detention centres, to a peak at the end of

March of 44,223. Over the past 30 years the population has more than doubled and the incarceration rate (persons in custody 100.000 inhabitants) increased from 50 to 85, making it one of the highest rates in Western Europe. Sharp upward and downward turns in prison but this most recent increase of seven per cent has especially alarmed the Home Office because it has occurred during a single quarter of the year, and has taken the population well over the ceiling of 42,000 which the then Home Secretary Air Roy Jenkins, designated in 1975 as representing crisis conditions. The average daily prison population, in fact, remained slightly under 42,000 between 1976-78.

At one point during 1978 some 5.500 cells designed for one person held two, and a further 1,700 single cells held three persons. Since then a new overcrowding peak has been reached with almost 18,000 persons, or 40 per cent of the total population, having

to share single cells.

For several years it has been tions be made both in the

Home Office mandarins are busy proportion of custodial sen tences by the courts. However, despite a variety of strategies designed to restrict the ability

to rise. Additionally, and of particu lar concern, the proportion of immediate custodial sentences of all persons found guilty of indictable offences: bas, since 1974, risen from nine to 14 per

enquiries, the House of Com-mons Expenditure Committee the Prison System. 1975) and the May Report (The Inquiry into the United Kingdom Prison Services, 1979). The Home Office has not, however, been supported matters by decision-makers at the early stages of the criminal justice process.

Receptions of all categories of prisoners have risen over the last 30 years, especially with respect to fine defaulters and voung persons sentenced to porstals or detention centre. During this same period the average length of imposed prison sentences increased by about 60 per cent. The length of an imposed sentence and time in custody rarely coincide, and the gap widened further following the introduction of parole in 1968 and, five years later, the extension of one-third remission to cover all time in custody including remand prior

to conviction. Unpublished data on all persons released reveal a decline in average time in custody and prison population and in the suggest it has been receptions fluence decentralized decision-

The Home Office argument that petty recidivist property offenders, persons with drink-ing or mental health problems and juvenile offenders be dealt prison system has been en-dorsed by two recent official (The Reduction of Pressure in

rather than time in custody makers at the "front-end" of order. The findings of the which have been primarily rest the criminal justice process. In American prison population population increases.

Mr Whitelaw's dilemma has with respect to cautioning, some parallels to the prison arrest and charging, probation population crises confronting officers in their role as senthe federal and many state tencing advisers and judges and governments in the United magistrates (In 1978, Crown States: Between 1972-78 the Courts were responsible for 55 total number of persons in per cent of all custodial senfederal and state prisons increased by 48 per cent. A re-search study ordered by the United States Congress found that this was the result of in-creases in admissions rather creases in admissions rather than time in custody.

The problem for central governments in the United States and here is how to in-

for the remaining 45 per cent). Any new Home Office

strategy should take account two significant factors which appear to impact upon "front-end" decision-makers, namely changes in the quantity of prison capacity and the political risetoric of law and

an time in custody the criminal justice process, in the prison conformally rest the criminal justice process, in the set of recent prison England and Wales these study suggest that prison conformation is among the critical determinants of increases in the conformal prison condition. The study prison population. The study found, with respect to state prison systems, that increased capacity led increases in population and not the reverse, and that prison construction appears to be a significant prethat dictor of prison populations. The May Committee recommended that the prison con-

struction programme be doubled to £50m a year, and Mr Whitelaw has already announced that he will be proposing a "modest increase

the complete curtailment of construction.

Prisons are very closed, even when acknow-iedged to be beyond repair. An increase in capital expenditure would be better invested in ameliorating the appalling characterize the daily experieace of many prisoners and staff. A policy choice has to be made between further expan-sions of capacity and meeting the basic standards of the European Standard Minimum Rules and other international obligations.

The imposition of population ceilings is an important step, but failure to control or reduce prison populations may be inevitable when prison closures are not part of the strategy.

The second major difficulty facing Mr Whitelaw is to tone down the law and order politilittle to impress the police, the judiciary and the other decisionmakers that imprisonment be regarded as a scarce resource and last resort.

Unless he is able to set in motion a reductionist policy this country may very soon have not only the highest incarceration rate in western Europe but also conditions of confinement more dismal and dangerous than have hitherto existed in the one hundred years of the Prison Service.

Andrew Rutherford

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There is an i O alternative to monetarism

Government's economic policy of the unemployed. said on Panorana recently that To use deliberately there was no other way. She is fond of saying it and she sometimes couples the assertion with the threat that the bally sitetinative to her policies is Bennite have been eschewer

Mr Eric Heffer spelled out that alternative to Thatcherism both in a recent article on this page reviewing my pamphlet "Labour at 80—time to retire" and in a speech a couple of months ago when he said : "the Labour Party was not created leavers? What of to, administer the capitalist system or to compromise with it but to get rid of it". Fine in theory perhaps, but no country I have visited where the capitalist system has been got rid of has either an acceptable degree of openings of opinion or economic success. Mr Heffer and Mrs Thatcher

are agreed resolutely on one thing their theories are the only debatable alternatives to only debatable alternatives to off for the Chancellar each other. There is no other we have had thos way. It suits both to present from her predecessors their case as the only stark have been tactical, choice of economic policies and damaging. I mea available, the were true the present. Revible incomes policies.

If that were true the prospect, flexible incom for the citizens of this country would be bleak indeed. A choice between the Governmear's doctrinaire monetarism national norms thorous and the left's state control is cussed in Neddy and el pan and the fire.

Fortunately it is not. And people in growing numbers are beginning to see this joint contrick for what is is. There is another way which would promote unity instead of division prosperity instead of poverty. I put it forward as-leader of the Liberal Party but I know there are many in other parties who would agree with

It is a plan for national economic partnership and It has three component parts: l Incomes policy, permanent and strategic but fiszible.

Industrial partnership, with structural change to the basis of industrial relations. 3. Strategy for industry, involv-ing a positive role for gov-eroment, using the bonus-revenue North Sea Oil has

given us. Britain's industrial decline is so advanced and the patient is so enfeebled that a treatmen which consists solely of the application of leeches to bleed

her further is not going to work. She may never get up again. It is the responsibility of political leadership to ar strategy for development and to secure the minimum conditions framework for individuto make it possible. The fact sions. That is what ha and overwhelming requirement missing for years.
is to re-create a sense of the The Tories have common weeks, of shared sacras doned the one nation fice and shared opportunity.

There is now general agreement that the whole British economy, let alone the Govern consequences which we n ment's strategy, is under threat from the 20 per cent level of wage settlements

The rot set in under the last ix months of Labour, Free from the discipline of the Lib? Lab pact, the previous Govern-ment caved in under left-wing and union pressure, threw away any attempt at an in-system there in their pow comes policy and embarked before upon a wages free for all. This gave the first twist to the inflationary spiral.

The incoming Tory Govern-ment in its hasty and ill-con-sidered "manifesto budget" last June gave a further twist to the prices side of the spiral. Now for ideological reasons they stand helplessly aside as wages race alongside and ahead They hope that eventually united in opposition to of prices.

after two or three years per seek to upset it. haps, restriction of the money. All postwar Lasupply will feet through into a government ha lower average, wage settlement, govern from the Perhaps it will, but the likeli-that they are hood is that such hood is that such an average will be made up of high settlements for those in work who and proclaim that the are represented by powerful radical and coherent unions, combined with low strategy which has a settlements for those with less likelihood both of such bargaming power, with the untional acceptance. average further depressed by a @ Times Newspapers Limi

and reality of unemp order to modera demands is crude r with a vengeance. social recklessness w vious Conservative ments and it shows ference to the larger questions. What of social and benefit cos thrown out of work? Wealth producing the long run from de to a whole generation among the young in It is untrue to say is no alternative. The fairness and social o should build on that i

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A choice betw the Governmen doctrinaire

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a complex modern der vide a realistic and The Tories have now of pragmatic " centrist " vatism in favour of a of dogma irrespective associate with the Labou The Labour Party, on th hand, will this year eith further to the doc Socialist left or save its doing so by the macc method of, rallying the vote in the hands of a fe limited bosses thus place further Labour Gove

Both parties are largely by their vested of big business and unious respectively as the study by Nuffield Colle They have shown insti-interest in public funding elections and positive to changing the electo tem. The Buggins turi

All posewar Labout a governments have so govern from the centre that they are vacation ground, it is up to remain on it to band strategy which has a likelihood both of suc

DIARY OF A BLOATED CAPITALIST

To read on the flight from New York to Haiti I took a copy of Time magazine with a provocative question on its cover. "Is capitalism working?" it asked, and came to the conclusion: " Of course, but "

The 11 pages were packed with the conventional wisdom about inflation, multinationals and energy costs. It was all out together in a chummy, knowing style, supporting my conviction that economics reporting is really a lot like sports report-

It has its own secret code. its own priorities, is written by insiders for insiders who share their assumptions. There is no relation to the world outside. While the words seem normal and comprehensible on the surface, their true meaning can be understood only by readers schooled in the mystery.

Like a racing writer comparing the record of one stable against another, the author, George Taber, ticked off the successes of capitalism against socialism - Kenya over Tanzania, Ivory Coast against Guinea (What about Haiti? I shall come to that in a minute). He want on to discus, prospects

for the coming season. Capitalism will face serious challenges in the Third World in the 1980s . . . Opec's price increases are just the first grab by those countries for a larger share of the wealth of the

industrial nations.
"Third World demagogues: will doubtless push a soak-the rich programme on an international scale. The staggering \$350 billion that the developing countries will owe international banks and institutions by the end of this year will create another, source of potentially dangerous global tension." After quoting a Roman

Cathelic priest deploring the fact that 20 per cent of the people in the world have 80 per cent of its goods. Mr Taber, with the optimism for which sports writers are notorious. can still write: "In the 1980s, General Motors chairman (Thomas) Murphy sees even larger profit potential in the yearning new markets of the Third World than in the advanced nations."

a genial man already doing nicely, thank you, out of the Third World, A manufacturer of cheap ladies' shocs, he was going to visit the factory in Haiti where he has the upper sections made, .

By exploiting the low wages paid there he was saving 30 per cent of the cost of making the uppers, even taking into account of flying the materials in and the completed sections out. This meant a saving of 60c on the cost of each pair of Shoes.

This is the kind of foreign business that only the most desperate of developing countries welcome. It involves bardly any capital investment and provides no benefit except cmployment . . . A few years ago there was a fad for decrying the nutritional benefits of breakfast cereals as.

being just "empty calories This is the empty calorie equivalent in foreign investment. I felt bad about exploiting these people", my neighbour said. "But when I said that 10 idvanced nations." the folks at our embassy they
Next to me on the plane was told me: You're not exploiting



them. The country's exploiting them''.

He had more qualms when he first went to Haiti to examine the fessibility of the undertaking and was horrified, as are our Jeep was ringed by all first-time visitors, by the women and children, holding

scientious but also practical hunger. with such blatant misery rife, could a revolution be far off? 'I asked the embassy about that, too", he said. "They said yes, a revolution will come but not yet." Still time to make a fast buck or two.

We landed at Port-au-Prince, capital of the poorest country in the West, a yearning market for sure but not one likely to show profit potential very soon. I first went there nine years ago. One of the few detectable changes is that they have put a fresh coat of white paint on the president's palace.

Most poor countries are plagued with beggars but in favour. Haiti they are in a clear majority, unt just in the cities but all over. Any stranger is potential source of at worst crumbs, at best short-term riches.

drave north, off metalled road, with a reporter who took photographs. Every time we stopped for a picture

gross poverty around him. His out their hands and rubbing money to the poor is logically issue, try torrid and bus concern was not just con- their bare stomache to indicate defensible, even though if I you want to be hon Like all visitors I find this

irritating, indeed scarcely toler-

able, even when I reflect how

still less pleasant it is for those forced to beg as a way of life. They are not pretending to be hungry and in need: that is what they are. The rationalization for -notgiving money to beggars is that once you start you will be

pestered even more, marked down as a soft touch. Everyone makes his own rules. My own, arbitrary and prim, is that I will give moderately to anyone who has made a gesture however minimal, towards earning the Thus I will tip a young man

who claims to have looked after my car when it is parked in a city street. On a northern beach I paid a boy more than. he asked for a crude stone carving. At the airport as I left, the man searching my luggage for weapons came across a box of, cigars and asked for one; I gave

No argument against giving you are looking for exphem-

distributed to the populace crowded and smelly every last cent The Times has The evening I vis given me to come to the Carib. Habitation, most of the bean I will have done nothing must have been in the to relieve Hair's distress, So'l' Mawless world doing the begin to resent the circum flawless thing for the plestances that force me to reveal earlier empty. A few myself as a bloated capitalist of were earlier silently no compassion. ... or conste dining roofs. In

tising Habitation Lecters, a races were dotted with luxury resort in Portan-Prince sameny much of it, cell "A private place for a man and the formula form The o a woman." And to press bone the female form. The que point the brochure was close to the street life packed with pictures of city outside, was sinisted sparsely clothed people.

Each room has "double king the brochuse. "It's for y

sized beds". Everything is know how to enjoy s private "Your own flawless but guild," Maybe a to world" But "if you crave out suit, together with an side adventure. Haiti is a de sanding of the nature of lightful, erotic country to cation, would make cal explore ".

distors must drive through to open question

The evening I vis Looking then for an object two sewerds were on which to vent my anger. I dillered to pass the tin came across a brochure acres. Outside, the pool a

Michael Lex

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work better, helping to Brotic is hardly the word to the system's further in a describe the part of the capital system is survival is to the system's furthe in a

On looking ahead

through the trees

Sir. As my father wrote the report which led to the Forestry Commission, I should like to contribute to the forestry debate—belatedly because of recent return from

In 1921 J. M. (larer Lord) Keynes.

In 1921 J. M. (lates Lord). Keynes, in his Economic Consequences of the Peace, wrote: "We cannot do better than base our policy on the evidence we have and adapt it to the five or 10 years over which we may suppose ourselves to have, some measure of prevision." Alas, for the bables and toddlers who are now grandchildren and great-grand-

now grandchildren and great-grand, children of our senior citizens, we

children of our senior charens, we myet strain our prevision much further. It would be foolish to accept the very worst possibilities that our deepest pessimists, can offer; but prudent to plan for the worst economic future that lies samewhere between the probable and the seriously possible. If we do that these little ones will live com-

that, those little ones will live com-fortably if things go better, and will

just get by if they go worse, than we now suess:

we now guess:

With this in mind "siege economy is a psychologically dangerous phrase because we have experienced it in two wars that letted obtain four and sixtyears before we went back to introd. It is well within the probable possible bracket that in 50-60 years today a babies will be entering the lone broth when Britain will be able to

enoch when Britain will be able to-buy not less, but-far less, in fonds

and raw materials than we can im-port today. Contemplate it it is prob-chle possible future: it may be

agreed that muston is the only meat not seriously dependent ou imported feedstock; and that sheep and deer graze where no other human.

food could be produced. But neither

mountain sheep nor deer-farming can ever make anything like a 25

per cent contribution to our meat consumption; and under long-term siene economy our successors could well endure a 50-60-per cent cut; in meat. If all the agricultural low-

lands now producing food for beef

Your major article (April 16)

and bacon were ewitched to beans

they would provide a duller but

chided the Forestry Commission for the fact that their frientening plans

would raise timber production from

9 per cent to only 25 per cent of today's consumption. But, when

mature, could today's little ones just, get by with a 75 rer cent cut in imber consumption. Taking account of all preside economies it.

may be supposed that, they could.

Could they manage with a 91 per cent cut? When I look around my

house and realize that not one of my plastic utensils will be avail-

able to them, it seems certain that

Recreation in oren spaces? It

must be conceied that trees would noticeably reduce it. But consider even the Langdale Valley—he

worst possible spot from my point

of view and centainly excluded from the Commissioners' plans. Would

climbers on cliffs under the Pikes

reached their starting points,

Suppose even that the Band were forested up to 100 feet below the

neck that links Crinkle Crags to Bow Fell. Would it be very terrible

for over-stressed ciry dwellers if they walked the Band nath through woods? Near the paths could be wide varieties of trees even if.

further io, the planting was mainly of conifers: frequent gaps could be

cut giving wide vistas onto the onpo-site peaks; and visitors could then

come out on unchanged and sheep

erazed mountain tops and see all the other mountains whose lower

slopes would be clad in trees.

Source of inspiration

From Mr Peter Brook

Sir, I have just returned from Australia and have read Sheridan

Morley's generous account in The

Times (April 7) of our performances at the Adelaide Festival.

However, this article wanted early in our visit, gives an incomplete picture of the powerful and

positive impressions we received both of the active life of the cities

and of the richness of the Abori-

I' would hate to find myself in the

company of those who over they years have gone to Australia to compare it unfavourably with Europe! In many ways the truth

today is quite the other way round.

International Centre of Theatre Research 9 Rue du Cirque,

Yours sincerely. RICHARD, ACLAND.

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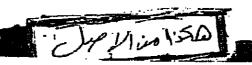
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the face of new challenges. e other was to improve relans with the Third World, ecially with Islamic countries t felt threatened by the Soviet asion of Afghanistan and emrassed by the seizure of erican hostages in Iran. It has

both opportunities slip, ugh not yet wholly beyond overy. The failure of the erican rescue mission in Iran week offers a new and soberimpulse to try again merica's European allies have

son to feel shaken. Behind the ere expressions of support sympathy for Mr Carter e is acute awareness that he not consult them on an entere that deeply affected their rests and could have had osive consequences. Morehe did this at a peculiar tent. The allies thought they s being called upon to supeconomic sanctions against in order to lessen the likeliunilaterial military in by America. In spite of ound misgivings they were plying because they saw it as lesser of two evils and bee they believed it would them the right to a say in ever further steps Mr Carter contemplating. Of course it ue, as Lord Carrington has ted out, that the threat of ary action was understood. eferring to direct military n against Iran, such as minhe harbours, not to a rescue

The first need, therefore, is to try to put the alliance together again, to improve consultations and to work out a common strategy and common tactics. After last week Mr Carter is more than ever in need of allied advice and support, and he should be readier to listen. It is no time for recriminations. But there are a number of difficult questions to decide. The first is hether the Europeans should go ahead with sonctions. In a sense the implied bargain has been broken by Mr Carter so there would be an excuse for pulling out. Yet the need to keup the alliance together is now if anything stronger than before. The dilemma is, therefore, little altered and a degree of compromise remains unavoidable. But the Europeans now have even more reason to move slowly on sanctions and stronger arguments for urging this on Mr Carter, They also have even more incentive to seek other solutions...

They have some remaining credit in Tehran with certain political groups and they should make use of it on behalf of the alliance as a whole. There is still strong resistance to Soviet penetration in the Muslim world as a whole and in Iran in particular. Sanctions would be almost hound to weaken it. European influence, carefully used, can still do something to strengthen ipt, but both involve the it both by direct diplomacy and if military force. And if the by restraining Mr Carter.

Europe may also be able to help recover the other great lost opportunity of recent months-the support of the Third World against the Soviet Union. Soviet invasion of Afghanistan provoked practically unanimous public condemnation among the truly non-aligned and widespread private criticism among the less truly non-aligned and even among some of the Soviet Union's allies. This was one of the very few compensations for what was otherwise a tragedy for the people of Afghanistan and a severe blow to East-West relations. Combined with the revolution in Iran, which was nearly as anti-Soviet as it was anti-American, it represented a substantial political gift to the West. Unhappily, western diplomacy has not risen to the opportunity. Preoccupied with squabbles over sanctions against the Soviet Union, hobbled by its own inadequate consultations, and unnerved by the pressures on the American Administration, it has allowed its vision to narrow and its actions to falter.

Next month the Islamic foreign ministers are meeting in Islamabad. They are expecting to discuss a proposal for a neutral Alghanistan and some of them are hoping for support from the United States and the Soviet Union. The run-up to the meeting offers the western alliance a chance to support a constructive initiative by countries directly threatened by the Soviet presence in Afghanistan, Let this chance not go the way of others.

STRANGE SILENCE ON HOUSING

ir ever, but one topic has st uncannily faded from the. cal scene. The parties have d to vie with each other to ise more and more new s. At the last election, the rvative manifesto did not trouble to comment on the ll supply of housing, and Labour Party (perhaps ened by their own dismal mance in office) made no s attempt to seize on the on. Nor is there much sign. lousing supply (as distinct the question of council sales) is going to be a ly contested issue in most in this month's local elec-

the rate of building in the public and private is now at a level which have appeared suicidal to vernment in the days when ned obligatory to promise 0, or even 500,000 new a year. Last week Sir Trench, chairman of the ial House Building Council. d that there might be no han 165,000 new starts this a rate lower than anything in peacetime since the The housing policy review 77 predicted that demand run at a rate close to 0 through the 1980s. Yet eseltine, challenged about ituation in a parliamentary ittee last week, replied doubt with a view to deflecting plomb that the predictions possible criticism, ministers have

domestic issues seem to go had always been speculative, and that it was up to local councils to choose their building policies for themselves, It is not so extraordinary that

leading politicians on both sides. with all too much cause to know the pressures upon public spending and the pitfalls of official dabbling in the mortgage market, should tacitly agree not to make a meal of the problem. But it may seem strange that the electoral pressures which were taken for granted ten years ago bave not made themselves felt-not yet, at least. The demographic trends that the housing policy review based its predictions on have not changed-or, as far as they have, they have changed in ways indicative of increased

future demand! The strange public hush is an indication that the paramount spending is more fully accepted now than it has been in earlier periods of officially-proclaimed austerity. It cannot be expected to last. And since the broad level of spending by bousing authorities is effectively prescribed by the Government (whose public expenditure White Paper portends tighter funds still in the immediate (uture), the public "are not likely to give undue weight to Mr Heseltine's claim that it isall really a local matter. No doubt with a view to deflecting

been making the most of new provisions under the Housing Bill which would extend the availability of grants for the improvement and repair of older stock, and make it easier for councils to find money to build low cost housing for sale. Mr Heseltine has also asked councils to ensure that plenty of building land will be available as soon as private building picks up.

These are minor changes. But is quite clear that at this moment the control of public snending must take precedence. The standard of housing in Britain compared to similar countries is in fact far from poor. Demand for housing is (perforce) quite flexible. Imperative as the short-term economic need is, however, pressure is bound to build up in the longer term. The immediate question is how best to deploy such funds as can be spared. Of the new initiatives, it is the grants to improve older housing that are most relevant. Almost a third of our national stock was built before 1914, and much of it, if neglected could pass beyond repair. The Government's encouragement for owneroccupiers does not weaken that need, as there is disturbing evidence that owner-occupation is no guarantee of high maintenance standards. As long as we cannot build on a large scale, we must ensure that what we

strident insistence on "our money It would be out of character for her to allow her demand for a broad balance between what goes out and what comes back to be

have does not deteriorate.

pushed away to the June summit. The popular mood may prove Labour's calculations wrong. Not a few. British and continental politicians, as British public opinion turned strongly against the European idea and ideal, have atgued that the tide would turn again only when Western Europe either came under threat or when an international crisis once more taught the lesson of common interest and com-

Mrs Thatcher has never encouraged anybody to think that she is the most deeply committed of Europeanists. She is rather a Europeanist. because she is an Atlanticist. But that is a combination that may look timely to an anxious public at home in a day of increasing risks that the United States and her main allies in Western Europe will get out of step. Mrs Thatcher has sturdly be-friended the Americans and she can equally help in holding the Community steady in purpose and

That is a domestic political role that would be attractive to broad sections of the British people, and on the strength of it Mrs Thatcher would almost certainly be able in Luxembourg to ease up on her Com-munity budgetary demands and her imperious timetable for a settlement. A failure to insist on a full settlement, delivered on the nail, by this afternoon, would look like statesmanship rather than humilia-ting impotence, and it would correct some of the miscalculations made five montks ago in Dublin.

In advance of the communiqué, we may agree some compromise is needed, and compromise is in the

Sir. Can Mrs Chenery (April 24) tell farmers how to use higher land values, short of borrowing ourselves into insolvency? Most other pro-duction asset values have trebled in five years, and most home-owning consumers' properties. Yours faithfully.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Soviet view of détente

From Mrs Elizabeth Young Sir, Last Monday Mr Vsevolod Ovchingikot, political correspondent of Pravda, gave a talk in London on "The Soviet View of Detente and East-West Relations". Speaking in excellent English to a well-informed audience and on the record, he relentlessly disparaged.

the United States.

Answering questions, he claimed that the Soviet Union had made over a hundred disarmament proposals which the West has always refused to take up. I asked him how it was that when President Carter it was that when President Carter sent Secretary Vance to Muscow in March, 1977, to promose "deep cuts" in strategic weapons, "even to 50 per cent", the proposal was rejected out of hand by the Sovier. Government? "I cannot answer your question", said Mr Ovchin-silies "this disease heaven." (Montal nikov, "this did not happen ". When I reminded him that Mr Gromyko had rejected the proposal in an unprecedentedly long press con-

denied all knowledge.

This press conference, during which Mr Gromyko described the American proposals as "a dubious manneuvre, not to say a cheap one", took place on March 31, 1977, and a report of it occupied the whole of page 2 of Mr Ovchinnikov's own paper. Pravda,

the next day.

We have long known about the operation of the memory-hole in the Soviet Union, but now they seem to be exporting it. Yours, etc.

ELIZABETH YOUNG, 100 Bayswater Road, W2. April 23.

Loving with the mind

From Mr Trevor Leggett Sir. In his letter of April 22, the Rev Barry Morrison makes the point—against Rajneesh's reported rejection of mind in favour of love -that the Judeo-Christian tradi-tion commands men to love with the mind also.

Can someone tell us how it was that the three words of the commandment in Deuteronomy 6.5, to love the Lord with all the heart and soul and strength, become the four words heart and soul and mind and strength when Jesus quotes it in Mark 12, or the lawyer in Luke 10? No help from the Pelican Gospel commentaries, or the New English Bible Companion, or the great Catholic Jerome commentary. Most of them do not notice it. Why is mind here distinguished from

heart and soul?
Incidentally the worship through mind also is in line with the Indian: tradition of the Gita, which twice has the line spoken by Krishna:
"Have your mind on me, be devoted to me, worship me, bow down to me." The second commandment, to love thy neighbour, is also closely matched by another phrase which comes twice in the Gita, delighting in the welfare of all which bein≘s".

Yours sincerely, TREVOR LEGGETT. 32 Palace Gardens Terrace, Kensington, W8. April 22.

Views on Gibraltar

From Mrs M. Chincotta Sir Although the news of the future suspension by Spain of the Gibraltar frontier restrictions has been gene-rally welcomed, if only on humanitarian grounds, it has not given cause for undue rejoicing to the average Gibraltarian, whether young or old who knows that this action has been motivated by Spain's desire to join the "Common Market" rather than as a sign of good will. It, would have been less obvious if it had come about soon after Franco's death.

The closed border with Spain ver the last 11 years has given the Gibraltarians the opportunity to re-inforce the highly-valued Britishness of their way of life. There are fears that an open frontier, and the in-evitable social intercourse which will ensue, will slowly reverse the

Yours faithfully, M. CHINCOTTA. Red Sands Road, Gibraltar.

Strong language From Mr John McK. Service

Sir, Mr Lister's letter (April 21) reminded me of a brand of Japanese whisky I came across last year in Rio de Janeiro. Labelled "George Y" beneath a representation of that monarch, was the legend, "distilled by King George V himself in the kitchens of Buckingham Palace". Yours faithfully, JOHN SERVICE.

56 Cornwall Gardens, SW7. April 21.

Oldham West (Labour)

Deaths in police custody From Mr Michael Meacher, MP for

Sir. Professor Usher (April 23)

misrepresents my position over the Kelly inquest. I made clear on television my view that the inquest had been lengthy and thorough, but Professor Usher is wrong to my to sweep under the carpet its limi-tations and defects:

1 Was it justified to withhold from the jury some of the most important pieces of evidence, such as the four policemen's original statements to the police Investigating Officer, or indeed to withhold 30 pages of Prossor Usher's own reconstruction of evenus?

Was it right that the policemen should have access to their original statements, whilst the other witwere denied access to theirs?

le it appropriate or desirable to hold an inquest more than mine-months after the death? Memories do fade, even of those who were direct eye-wimesses and who are trying conscientiously to remember details; yet failure to achieve sliderule precision in recall was effectively used by counsel to suggest general unreliability.

Towards an understanding with Iran

diverted to other targets, and a climate might be created in which a solution would be found.

Yours faithfully, From Mr N. Ripley Sir, The appearance of your article (April 23) about Professor Forer's attempts to persuade the United N. RIPLEY. 6 Blenheim Road, NWS. States to adopt a different policy towards Iran was a welcome sign that at last some prominence is

being given to those in the West who believe that the West is srumbling down a blind alley. But until the Western public is better informed about what the Iranians feel and why they feel it, it is likely to and the Government of Iran. The continue to call for "rough" continuing course of events is only fuelling friction between the Western nations and the Middle measures rather than for conciliatory ones. So far almost all media coverage

of the Iranian crisis has focused on the "hostage problem" or geopoliti-cal or economic factors. There have been few attempts to analyse seriously or to publicise the historicauses of the often intense hostility which a vast majority of the government of the United States and, still, towards Britain; but this animosity is not directed against United States or English individuals, as the treatment of the

hostages bears out It is only when we are prepared to listen sympathetically and without condescension to these grievances that we will come near under-standing the causes of Iran's behaviour. Imperialism, to the Iranians, and to the inhabitants of a large number of other countries, does not mean a form of visible political and economic domination, but the insidious exploitation of a country by influence, corruption, and destruction of established social orders and economic organisations through the intermediary of repres-sive governments. We tend to think of our relations with these countries as being essentially pragmatic, based on wide, impersonal economic and defence considerations. But if our policies are implemented by popular governments we must ex-

The Iranians do not acknowledge that we were only indirectly re-sponsible for things such as the Savak torture houses in Iran, or the deterioration in agriculture. These things, they say, were obviously in our commercial or political interest. Therefore we must have planned them-they were not by-products of economic imperialism, but cornerstones of a policy of economic subiugation. If we are capable of rmulating and carrying out such plans, we are capable of anything.

Even after the unsuccessful United States military operation, which will presumably have the effect of strengthening mutual hostility, I continue to believe that the only sensible way to obtain the release of the bostages is for the United States to do both or either of making a public apology to Iran and of instituting some form of international inquiry into what did go on in Iran during the last few years of the Shah's reign. I doubt whether the Iranians would be prepared to make any apologies in return.

This is a better risk for the. its present collision course, with its unforeseeable consequences; and it is now the dury of Carter's allies. who presumably were not consulted before this first military step, to force America to change tack.

Public opinion could play an important role in this, if attention frontation that the seizure of the embassy has caused and more on the grievances which the Tranians feel they hold justifiably against us and which they wish to publicise. If the media chose to investigate these things our sense of ourrage might be diminished, or even

From Mr Frank Paton Sir, Events since the announcement of the filled attempt to rescue the United States diplomats held, contrary to international law, in Iran makes it clear that they will not be released until be released until agreement is reached between the United States

East-berween Christians and Mus-If we are to find a solution to this seemingly intractable problem between peoples of videly differ-ing cultural outlooks before either side acts rashly and with a mistoken view of its own power and prestige it is essential that a way is found of communicating with the leaders of Iran so that by negotiation a

solution may be found. whilst many ideas are being pro-posed, ranging from using force to "sweating it out", it is clear that there is very little hope of early success for an individual nation's initiative. A more promising soluinfinitive. A more promising solu-tion is for the European Community to propose and reminate an injurnational mediating commission. drawn from the most eminent and experienced international leaders in the church, in politics, and in education to approach both the Muslim East and the Christian West to seek a softening of attitudes and a narrowing of differences on that, in due course, the people of the East and the people of the West may learn, to understand, accept and respect each other's culture and life style and realize that their future lies in

cooperation, not confrontation.

It is only in exchanges of this kind that a way will be found to release the United States diplomats. held hostage to Iran. Yours faithfully, FRANK PATON,

Smocombe House. Enmore, Bridgwater, Somerset. . .

From Miss Alison Ward Sir, The Headmaster of Downside ol (April 24) is perfectly entitled to personal views about sanc-tions against Iran. But what qualification does he hold-writing as a prominent Roman Catholic whose lead is bound to be followed

-to pass judgment on American administrations (presumably past as well as present), to state that some acknowledgment might now he made "on behalf of the American people of the wrongs committed in their name against the people of Iran' To ask for forgiveness when we

have sinned is indeed a necessary preliminary to reconciliation; but does Dom Raphael Appleby really believe that the Americans are the only sinners in this devastating Yours truly, ALISON WARD,

From Dr A. J. Roder. Sir. While not disagreeing with the general tenor of Sir John Glubb's argument in his letter of today (April 23) I should like to point out, in the interests of historical accuracy, that it was the French revolutionary government which declared war on Austria and Prussia in 1792 and not the other way Yours faithfully,

A. I. RYDE'-, Reader in History, St David's University College, Lampeter, Dyfed.

Falkland fishing

From the Director General of the Falkland Islands Office Sir. On Monday (April 28) in New York, a new round of talks on the Falkland Islands will start between Britain and Argentina. This Office hopes that the talks will resuit in agreement on offshore development, perticularly fisheries.

Your correspondents, Mr James Johnson, MP (March 22), Mr White (March 26) and Mr Roberts (April 3) have all sought to clarify the question of whether Falkland Islands fish resources are worth oursuing particularly by the British industry:

This remains an open question but what is not in doubt is the vastness, of the resources in the area. Since Lord Shackleton's 1976 Economic Survey of the Frikland Islands, which identified immense krill resources, enough to supply the annual protein needs of China, numerous studies have confirmed his findings. In 1977 the United Nations: Food and Agricultural Organization published a three-part study on krill and very recently the White Fish Authority has concluded a study of fish resources

Nevertheless, criticism of the in-

quest is certainly not my main concern. The central issue in my

concern. The central issue in my view has always been the question; how did Jimmy Kelly receive injuries of such severity, and who or what was responsible for the cause of death? Frankly, I find the answers proffered during the inquest implausible; that it was from rolling on the waste ground, or that he might have fallen against a sill of the police van, etc.

Such explanations have an eerie

similarity with the equally uncon-

viscing explanations officially offered at other recent inquests: that James McGeown died in Glas-

gow police station from a ruptured liver caused not by a kick as

alleged, but by falling on a heavy rubber bucket with a policeman on

top of him; and that Liddle Towers died of a severed gastric artery

caused not by a beating, as alleged, but, by being knelt on by a policeman at his arrest. Does anyone really believe that those are the

most likely explanations of what

actually happened in each case?

I am perfeculy ready to admit that

Kelly sustained a fracture of the toe or vertebra, just as I also regret

that the first pathologist missed the

double fracture of the jaw and con-

cluded that the police had given. April 24.

regret being misled about whether

the police van, etc.

based on these as well as West German and Argentine studies of the area. This week, the Soviet Union signed a fisheries research and exploitation agreement with Argentina, following those already in being with West Germany, Japan and Spain, whose interest is mainly hake. Antarctic cod and blue whiting. There is no doubt that other coun

tries find Falkland Island waters fruitful. Last year, 150 Comecon. lishing vessels visited Port Stanley. the capital of the islands, which are surrounded by a three-mile limit

We hope that Her Majesty's Government, whatever the nature of the talks with Argentina will bear in mind the recommendations of the mind the recommendations of the 1977-78 Expenditure Committee of the House of Commons, that " when Islands are being considered, the fishing potential of the waters around them must be fully taken into account in any negotiations about their future." Yours faithfully, B. G. PROW.

Director General The Falkland Islands Office, 2 Greycoat Place. Westminster, SW1.

the jaw (which curiously, Professor Usher does not mention) and nearly 20 bruises more than one inch in

diameter, many (as BBC Nation-

wide said) "too horrific to be shown on television", are injuries limited solely to those compatible

with the minimum use of force necessary to contain resistance to

Lastly, my call for a public in-

never binged on the outcome of the Kelly case. It rests, as it has always rosted, on the need to in-

vestigate in depth selected carego-ries of cases out of the 273 deaths, in custody in England and Wales in the last 10 years, in particular the

16 cases where the coroner returned an open verdict and the 20 cases

where complaints were made to the Director of Public Prosecutions following a death in custody that

If this were systematically done,

I do believe that public disquiet over this issue could be finally

police assault caused death.

MICHAEL MEACHER,

wide said)

arrest.

resolved.

Yours sincerely.

Out of context Kelly "kid-glove treatment". But it is, I submit, extremely difficult to credit that a double fracture of From Mr Larry Camb

Yours faithfully,

PETER BROOK

Paris VIIIe.

ginal culture.

World editorship (April 25) gives the impression perhaps inadvertently, that I had discussed Mr Shrimsley's departure from the newspaper with Ms Sheila Black. This is not so.

The remarks attributed to me were made in a totally different context, at a different time is an interview. for a different publication. Yours faithfully, LARRY LAMB,

Deputy Chairman.
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30 Bouverie Street, EC4.

Unwillingly from school

long? When I was a boy at school, I couldn't answer the question. When I was a schoolmaster, I found the question and embarraising one.
Now, as the parent of three
couldrent find myself asking it.
Yours faithfully.

From Mr Bruce Parker Sir. Why are school holidays so Yours faithfully,
BRUCE PARKER
Lanham Cortage,
Lanham Lane
Winchester.
April 22

vid Wood

mpromise the air at ixembourg

he time of writing there may use guessing what this after-communique out of the Eurosummit will say about Mrs e between what the United om pays into the Community rar it draws back. The British ign has been strongly fought, mes far too rigidly fought in of figures and deadlines than I wise. But, in the end, much

propaganda and diplomatic has been undercut by a international crisis that hatcher's own remperament gic must recognize as more fately important than a bookdispute about a sum even e as more than one billion

sterling summit agenda must now be ted by considerations of unity, not by the deep s and bitter differences that the Dublin summit at November: Accordingly, Mrs r will need no advice from ewd and cool Lord Carring-t she must change her style ie, and perhaps her summit le The logic of every public ce she has made on a dan-and deteriorating inter-l position is that she knows st things must be seen to

Mr Robert Sheldon, MP for

n are wholly right to say

23) that an excessive reliance

Th exchange rate as a weapon

ining inflation cannot be d. Since the beginning of last

ie exchange rate has risen per cent while our inflation

reased more than that of our

competitors. What have we

by such a policy'? A rapid

manufactured imports much

ng our exports of such goods. Y cannot survive the strong

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Nevertheless, Mrs Thatcher has committed herself too far on "the broad balance" to return home broad balance to return home empty handed and fobbed off with promises that the next European summit in Venice during June will at last produce the desired solution. Tomorrow she will have to face the Commons to announce that something more than promises has been Yet a European summit meeting

Yet a European summit meeting of heads of government and prime ministers permits so Judicrously, little time for any worthwhile discussion of big issues of for any high strategic decisions to be reached. The Luxembourg summit will be all over in 24 hours. And almost as much time will be taken in by the social programme as by up by the social programme as by the formal sessions. In effect, there-fore, little can be achieved that has nore, mue can be achieved that has not already been agreed during the preparatory, diplomatic work. The summit, meeting, by its nature is either the seat affixed to an agreement, or it sets the nine a bew strategic objective.

strategic objective.
First in Strashourg nearly a year ago; and then in Dublin, Mrs Thatcher showed her impatience with summitty and some of her continental critics would say that she showed her lack of community understanding She herself implied, at her final press conference that at her final press conference, that she had used a woman's privilege to nag her colleagues in an attempt nag ner coneagues in an attempt to get an overnight decision, and for their part' Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was openly bored and oddly for an insomniac—sleepy, and President Giscard d'Estaing was

cold and indifferent.
In domestic politics, the Labour opposition may well think that Mrs.
Thatcher has no chance of producing a parliamentary or popular success out of Luxembourg. It would be completely out of character for her in present circumstances to throw the Community into disarray by

pound, which brings about cheap

imports and dear exports.

To raise the level of the exchange rate is largely, in the hands of the

market ... to lower it is under our control. The Bank of England needs to be instructed by the Government

to sell sterling and so depress the price. The reduction in the exchange

race is the essential action neces-

sary to rescue British industry and it is one which Government has within its gower to take.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT SHELDON,

Flouse of Commons.

April 24.

Farmers and consumers

From Mr John Chalener IOHN CHALONER, Dudsiand Farm, Cross in Hand. Heathfield.

April 24.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

April 26, The Prince of Wales was present this evening at the Annual Dinner of the Guild of Newspaper Editors at the University Arms Hotel, Cambridge.
His Royal Highness, attended by
by Mr John Dauth, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

CLARENCE HOUSE April 26, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at the Burma Reumon at the Royal Albert Hall. The Lady Elizabeth Basset and ir Martin Gilliat were in

Lady Helen Windsor, daughter of , the Duke and Duchess of Kent, is

16 today. The Duchess of Kent. as patron other, disdainfully or otherof the Yehudi Menuhin school, will attend a chamber music concert in aid of the Friends of Yehudi Memhin at the Civic Hall, Guildford, on April 30.

Princess Alexandry will visit the Leeds Jewish Welfare Board and the Leeds Jewish Day Centre at the Queenshill Centre and, later. Sr Gemma's hospice, Moortown, Leeds, on June 10.

Birthdays today Mr Mike Breatley, J8: Mr Reg Butler, 67: Miss Angna Enters, 73: Mr Val Gielgud, 80: Mrs Odette Hallowes, GC, 68; Sir Odette Hallones, Bernard Shaw, 89.

Christenings

and Miss J. M. Brooks

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Farm Street, between Mr Nicholas St Aubyn, younger son of the Hon Piers and Mrs St Aubyn, of Barcombe, Sussex, and Miss Jane Brenks, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William F. Brooks, of Maida Vale, Landon, Dom Kenneth Nagari The infant daughter of Sir Graham and Lady Wilkinson was christened Louise Caroline Sylvia by the Rev Richard McLaren at Christ Church, Kensington, yesterday. The god-parents are Mr Tom Arnold, MP, Mr Roderick Collins, Mrs Stuart Fowler, the Hon Mrs jonathan Hunt, and Mrs Peter McCaldin.

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Micholas Turner was christened lames William Hilary by the Rev Basil Foster at St Mary Magdalene. Old Somerby, on Sunday. April 27, 1980. The godparents are Mr Simon Fraser (for whom Mr Robert Henson stood proxy), Mr Richard Turner Mr Jeremy Mir Richard Turner, Mr Jeremy Walker, Miss Mary Gordon-Walson, Mrs John Partridge and Lady Hugh Russell (for whom Mrs Joss Hanbury stood proxy).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr L. J. Dowley and Miss S. Hamilton-Fairley The engagement is announced between Justin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L. E. Dowley, of Great Bowden, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, and Sarah, second daughter of the late Professor G. Hamilton Faicher, and Hamilton-Fairley and of Mrs Hamilton-Fairley, of Chepstow Place, London.

and Miss K. J. Lister The engagement is announced hetween Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs E. H. Platt. of Roman Road. London, and Karen, eldest daughter of Colonel and Mrs I. S.

Lister, of Caterham, Surrey.

Mr S. W. Roe . and Miss C. M. FitzG. Nowian hetween Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Roe, of Birmingham. and Mary, daughter of Dr and Mrs N. V. Nowlan, of Dublin, The marriage will take place at Worcester College, Oxford, on August

Today's engagements Prince of Wales visits Home Office,

Duke of Edinburgh attends meeting of Standing Conference on Countryside Sports, Royal Instiution of Chartered Surveyors, Great George Street, 12.45. The Duchess of Kent, as parron, visits Derwen Training College for Disabled, Oswestry, Shrop-Sture, 11.50; as patron visits the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, 12.30;

opens geriatric day hospital at Wrekin Hospital, 3.13. Here Be Dragons exhibition: Brit-ish Library Galleries, Great Rus-rell Street, 10.5 sell Street. 10-5. Mozart and Beethoven piano con-

certos, St John's, Smith Square, iemorial service : Mr Philip Spink, St James's, Piccadilly,

Leathersellers

Company

The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs were entertained at dinner in Leathersellers. Hall on Wednesday, April 23.

Premium bond winners Winning numbers in the weekly draw for £100,000, £50,000 and £55,000 Premium Bond prizes, 525,000 Premium Bond priz announced on Saturday, are: £100.000, 7 28 393553 (focation £100,000, 7 28 393533 (focation of prize winner, Merseyside); £50,000, £2 VT 744716 (Leicester); £25,000, £9 £8 559021 (Derbyshire).

Marx, Benn and other political theologists

Religious Affairs Correspondent

Theology" is a word that the splitting of fine abstract hairs in order to avoid reality". Theologians, however, treat practical politics as a dishonest game played by power-hungry

It is not surprising, there-fore, that "political theology" has not much of a following, and all the more fronte that at the same time politics seems short on vision while theolo-gians yearn for the market place.

Those who have a wall worked out idea of the ulti-mate purposes of life and the intriguing ways of Providence do have to have some dealings with less than ultimate purpases as the means to the end. To preach of Justice and Truth in general must involve preaching justice and truth in each particular time and place, which is how politics and theology must encounter each

There are many strands to the native tradition of that encounter: the William Temple legacy, politicized Metho-dism, and Christian socialism, for instance, and they all lean towards the left. The alternative conservative ontion is not a right-wing political theology, but no political theology at all, except for a general willing-

London. Dom Kenneth Numerit officiated, assisted by the Rev

Philip Hayler.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her fother, wore a gown of pale cream silk and antique Coggeshall lace and a long lace yell held in place by a head-dress of cream roses fractices and

bridegroom, was best man.

assisted by the key jim mans, in the bride, who has given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of roory silk with a flounce of antique Brussels lace and an antique lace veit held in place by a facility time.

a family tiars. She carried a hou-quet of white camelias. Arabella Corrie, Miss Molly Ersking trister

of the bride; Miss There's Joyn-son, Miss Susan Arthur and Miss Diana Arthur (sisters of the bride-groom) attended her. Mr Charies Arthur (brother of the bride-groom) was best man.

Flight Licotenant B. St L. Burnett and Miss C. A. Baxter

Farnham, Surrey, and Miss Christine Baxter, daughter of Mr

and Mrs G. Baxter, of Boston. Lincolnshire, The Rev H. B. S.

nons, white and yellow freesias, stephanons and illies-of-the-

A reception was held at the Goif Hotel, Woodhall Spa. and the honeymoon will be spent in

Miss C. S. Dorrien Smith

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Andrew's, Chew Magna, of Mr Richard Haslam,

younger son of the late Mr and Mrs C. H. C. Haslam, of The Old Rectory, Much Hedham, Hert-

fordshire, and Miss Charlotte Dorrien Smith, daugnter of the

Morley officiated.

man.

France.

Mr R. M. Haslam

Mr G. D. Arthur and Miss J. C. Erskine

Marriages

Mr N. F. St Aubyn and Miss J. M. Brooks

ing secular current. Moods change, and the indi-

genous rather gentle style of "Theology" is a word that applying Christian principles British politicians, using it to applying Christian principles to the affairs of state has begun to seem rather milk-andwater compared with the drama and excitement of liberation" theology in Latin America and the irisson gen-erated by the World Council of Churches' grants to guerrilla movements in Southern Africa. From a distance of a few thousand miles, some religious souls look enviously at the sim-

> poverty, or tyrannical whites and oppressed blacks. Political theology seems both obvious and essential in such contexts: priests in fear of their lives because of their commitment to the poor do not have to reach deep into abstract ideas to explain what they are doing and why. So in Britain politically minded churchmen look restlessly round for equally clear-cut issues, or some theory of politics which will reduce the British scene to some imple black and white collision of

> useful ally in the process of oversimplification. .That is the climate that has produced Agenda for Prophets. essays subtitled "Towards a political theology for Britain", and starting Mr Anthony-Wedgwood Benn, by

good and evil. Marx is quite a

late Lieutenant-Commander T. M. Dorrien Smith, of Tresco Abbey, Isles of Scilly, and Lady O'Hagan, of Sutton Court, Stowey, near Penslord, Somerset. The Right Rev W. S. Llewellyn officiated, assisted by the Rev Robert

Hughes. The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr Robert Dorrien Smith, wore a gown of ivory crepe de chine with a train of old Brussels lace, and a diamond and peart dara. She carried a bouquet of cream freesias and other flowers. Michael Haslam, William Hawkes, Adam Dorrien Smith, Jesse Burrows, Sebastiano D'Avanzo, the Hon Nino Straches, Mery Hasiam and Arabella Figillimore attended her, Mr Henry Meelen and Arabella Figure 1988 (1988). Haslam was best man. A reception was held at Sutton Court and the honeymoon will be

dress of cream roses, fractias and illes-of-the-valley. She was atten-ded by William Brooks, Jessia Dobbs, Miss Bridget Bomil and Miss Georgina Chetwode. Mr spect abroad. Mr N. M. Hodges James St Aubyn, brother of the and Miss D. J. Palmer

The marriage took place on Satur-day at St Christopher's, Winfrith Newhurgh, Dorset, between Mr Nigel Macdonald Hodges, younger son of Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis The marriage took place on Saturday at St Peter's, Felsham, Suffolk, between Mr Gordon Drake Arthur, cider son of Mr and Mrs Allan Arthur, of Mount Maskall, Boreham, Essex, and Miss Later Cively Festing allocations. son of Air Chief Marshall Sir Lewis and Lady Hodges, of Allens House, Plextol, Rent, and Miss Deborah Jone Palmer, daughter of Major-General and Mrs Michael Palmer, of Cambrai House, Boyington, Dorset. The Rev Edward Farrow Mastall, Borenam, Essex, and Mass Janet Cicely Erskine. ellest daughter of the Hon David and Mrs Erskine, of Feldham Hruse, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, The Rev John Simons officiated, assisted by the Rev Jim Holbs. and the Rev Geoffrey Greenless

officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, were a gown of Brussels lace and a net veil held in place by a mara belonging to her great aunt. She was attended by Peter Sherston, Eloise Paimer, Victoria Stockton. Miss Marie-Louise Palmer and Miss Fiona O'Flaherty, Mr David Hodges, brother of the bridegruom, was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honey-

moon will be spent abroad. Major G. Risins. ALC, and Miss L. M. Beetham

and Miss C. A. Gavier

The marriage took place on
Saturday at Holy Trinity Chuich,
Boston, Lincolnshire, between
Flight Lieurenant Bruce Burnett,
elder son of Air Chief Marshal
Sir Brian and Lady Burnett, of
Faruham, Surrey, and Miss
Chief Brusher, damber of Air St 'Clement Danes, Strand, on April 26 after the marriage of Major Gordon Risius, Army Legal Corps, son of Mr and Mes Rudolf Ristus, and Miss Lucinda Mary Beerham, daughter of Air Chief-Marshal Sir Michael and Lady

Mr J. S. Jones and Miss S. C. Marrow

Morley officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore; a gown of white most crepe and Guipure lace. The three-quarter length veil edged with lace was held in place by a semi-circular headdres; of silk flowers. She carried a bouquet of white carnators, white and vellow freesits. The marriage took place on Saturday, April 19, 1980, in Chichester Cathedral, of Mr James Stuart Jones, son of Major and Mrs J. S. A. Jones, and Miss Sarah Caroline Marrow, daughter of Canon and hirs Peter Marrow, hir Timothy Jones was best man.
A reception was held at Goodwood House

stephanons and Illies-of-the-valley. Alasdair and Michelle Haylock and Michele Wallificr attended her. A guard of honour was found by Officers of the RAF and Mr Robert Burnett was best

Captain R. J. White and Miss C. I. M. Allen The marriage took place on Satur-The marriage took place on Saturday, at Holy Trinity. Brompton, between Captain Robin White, RAVC, son of Group Captain and Mrs. Donald White, of Little Thetford, Elv. and Miss Caroline Alien, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Duncan Alien, of 5, Onslow Square. London, SW7. Canon Maurice Robson officiated, assisted by the Rev Patrick Whitworth.

The bridg, who was given in The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Victoria Shipton, Juliette Finn and Timothy White. Mr. Nicholas Bowen was best man A reception was held, at the Hyde Park Hotel.

Latest wills

Sir Felix Edward Aylmer Jones, of Cobham, Surrey (Felix Aylmer, the actor), left £47,298 net. the actor), left £47,298 nct.
Other estates include (nct. before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Armitage, Mr Alan Ernest, of Alderley Edge. Cheshire £199,962
Brown, Mr William, of Epworth.

Evans, Mr Denzil, of Carmarthen. Dyfed, intestate ... £184,788 Kiddell, Mr Arthur James Bartram of Sevenoaks, Kent, fine Bartram, of Sevendara, Rein, Instant auctioneer
Arc auctioneer
McGregor, Mr Edward, of Leanington Spa, Warwickshire £261,364
Ward, Mr Ronald William, of
Farnham Common, Buckingham Farmam Common, buckers shire, consulting engineer £361.224

Science report

Chimaeras: Success with mice

From Chive Cookson

Washington Biologists have been trying for experal years to combine two embryos from different species to produce "chimaeras" with the characteristics of both. There have been several partial successes, but this week's Science contains "the first report of completely normal developments of interspecific chimaeras in mammals ".

Janet Rossant, of Brock University, Ontario, and William Freis, of the Jackson Laboratory, Maine, made their chimaeras from mouse, Mus musculus and Mus caroli

Their mice, which are about a year old, look and behave like a true mixture of the two species, and genetic analysis confirmed they were made up of cells term '" chimaera " may

suggest that the creatures are just hologists' freaks, created to satisfy scientific curiosity. In fact, they are expected to be extremely useful for many studies in mammalian development, since the genetic differences between the two species are sufficient to unequivocally the two different cell types in any rissue (for example, by means of species-

specific antiserums). Interspecific chimaeras are also of potential interest to biologists studving such subjects as maternalfoetal interactions and the genetic control of mating behaviour.
The simplest and most common Other groups have attempted to

approvatio chimaera production is the aggregation method, which merely involves the fusion of two merely involves the fusion of two embryos at a very early stage of development (usually when each has devided into about eight cells). But Rossant and Frels used another, more complicated technique, the blastocyst injection method devised by Richard Gardner at Oxford University. By means of microsurgery they dissected the so-called inner cell masses from M. caroll blastocysts injected them into M. musculus blastocysts. (blastocysts are embryos that have reached the stage of development where cells are differentiated into two types, inner and outer). The combined embryos were then transferred to the uteri of M.

musculus females, where they developed normally.

The resulting chimaerus looked and behaved like a hybrid herween and behaved like a mornin enveen

M. Musculus, the common laboratory mouse, and M. caroli. a
smaller wild species from Thailand. All their tissues contained
enzymes characteristic of each species, and a hybrid enzyme was present in the skeletal muscle. where cells from the two species, had fused togother. The adult female chimaeras are

fertile, but unfortunately their offspring have all been sterile so

make rat mouse chimaera, using both the aggregation and the blastocyst injection techniques, but without complete success.

Some of the rat-mouse embryos did develop and they did contain mixed rat and mouse tissues at first. But the few that survived until hirth showed very little evidence of rat tissue, suggesting that there was selection against. the rat cells as the foctuses grew. In contrast, the house chimaeras of Russant and Feels showed no selection against either of the two

It is of course possible to crossbreed Gertain closely related pecies by artificial insemination it not by natural interpreeding. Indeed M. musculus and M. caroli hybrids can be produced, with difficulty, by insemination, though they are invariably sherile. But such crosses carry only one set of hybrid genes and they are, therefore, quite different from chimaers, which contain two distinct sets of genes—those from their M. nusculus parents and those from their M. caroli parents. Source: Science (April 25, vol 208,

p. 419).

butors are ecclesiastical in background, and all take seriously the apparent poverty

churches.
The frustrations that them are two: the political tameness of British (in fact, English), church activity: and the extreme difficulty of an-alyzing English society in a way that allows a theologian a handle to grapple with it. They are at least all agreed-or all except Mr Benn-that the necessary analysis is not com-pleted by dividing politics into the Labour left and the rest. plicity of a struggle between appalling riches and appalling

There is, indeed, a strong tendency to ignore the main areas of secular political debate, and, surprisingly for predominantly socialist writers, to ignore the Labour Party. A theological critique of Labour Party might have been a good place to begin.

The essays are too diffuse to review, and some of the contributors criticize themselves and. implicitly, each other as they That self-monitoring. however, is conspicuously less rigorous and careful than the better and more profound works of political theology that have been written on the Continent or in South America, inviting the comment that there are some questions even radical English Christians do not want to ask themselves,

for fear of the answers. The curse of such an exer-

ness to drift with the prevail means of a chapter on the cise is class; can any religious Levellers. All the other contri- insight into the condition of black unemployed youth much more than theological "tourism" when written by midole:sged. of political thinking in the middle-class, white, mainstream church-going persons, however unicy

> dens? It is a monk who puts his finger on the problem, in an essay contributed "from the edge". Genuine "Prophetic" activity, Father Thomas Cullinan says has to come from those who are willing to set themselves totally free from vested interests of status and money, abandoning what is stable and secure.

they keep their suburban gar-

That does not suggest that a forceful political theology is waiting to be discovered, if only churchmen would spend more time thinking harder and reading Marx (or Bean). Itsuggests that the people who would write it do no; yet exist, or hardly do. And when it was written it might not be recognized as political theology at all. It appears to be the lesson of Latin America that the first essentiai step is an absolute and irreversible commitment, not just of one's mind but e: one's life, "selling all", in-fuct; and then starting erresh to make sense of the world in the light of personal experience and reflection on it.

Agendu for Prophets ledited by Rex Ambler and David Haslam; Bowerdean Press, £2.95.



The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Peter Gadsden, pauses at the Whittington cat statue on Highgate Hill during his annual charity walk yesterday with a party of mayors from London boroughs.

RAF 38 Group

Dinner

St George's College, Weybridge. The annual dinner of the Old miane' Assariation was on Saturday at St George's Col-lege, Judge Anthony Allen, presi-dent, was the guest of honour and the head how of the school was present. Mr Peter Brooker, vice president, presided.

Service dinner HMS St Vincent, 1939-45 The annual reunion dinner of HMS St Vincent, 1939-45 held on Saturday at the Eccleston Hotel-was attended by ships officers and officers of the St Vincent pilot and observer courses. Captain V. Lamb, RN, presided.

Service reunions

HQ 14th Army/3rd TAF/Chinthe Officers
The HQ 14th Army 3rd TAF,'
Chinth: Officers' Dinner Club
held their annual reunion at the Albert Hall on Saturday evening on the occasion of the Burma Star Association Reunion.

The Levs School

The Summer Term at The Leys begins today. C. N. Pattinson con-Bosquet is appointed captain of cricket. Half term is from May

The Oratory School

The Summer Term begins today. The school captain is F. J. M. Fitzpatrick. Captain of cricket is ture will be given on May 2 by Miss-Joyce Sugg, Lecturer at New-man College. Bigmingham. Open Day will be on May 31 followed

Memorial service

Mrs E. A. Benians A memorial service was held on Saturday in the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge, for Mrs Sylvia Mary Benians. The Dean of St John's, the Rev A. A. Macintosh, officiated and the lesions were read by the Mistress of Girton and the Master of St John's. Among those present were:

The Rev and Mrs. V. A. Kenlans sun
and daughter-in-law:

Williams and Mrs. J. J. Kenlans
daughters:

Williams and Mrs. C. Reenins
igrandaughters:

Jac. Reenins
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Jac. A. H. Kenlans
igrandaughters:

Mr. And Mrs. M. Benlans
Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs.

er of French apples sold in

The statement said that French

growers were "not able" to restrict the quantities of their apples sold in Britain, but had

agreed to consider "qualitative means". It then fisted proposals

which French growers agreed to discuss with their cooperatives.

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packed loosely in "jumble packs". It added: "Any fruit

packs ". It added: "Any fruit which failed to conform to these classifications -would be returned

Britain.

Harrow School

5.30 pm on Speech Day until 9.0 pm on Wednesday, May 28. Governors' Speech Day will be on Phursday, June 5. Association Day will be on Saturda; July 3, and term will end on Friday, July 11. The Eton v Harrow match will take place at Lord's on Saturday, and Sunday, July 12 and 13;

their comuni reunica in the Officers' Mers, RAF Station, Lyncham, Avon, on Seturday or Lyncham, Avon, on Seturday of permission of the Station Compermission of the Staton Con-mander, Group Captain J. Eard-staff), Members and guests were tracomed by Sir Arthur Norman, the President, Guests included Air Vice-Marshal D. P. Hall, and Group Captain W. Croydon. Service reception

XX The Lancashire Fusitiers

The annual Gallinoli commemora-tion service of XX Tax Lanceshire Fusiliers was held at Bury perish church yesterday. After the ser-vice, the salute at the march past was taken by Licutemant-General Sir James Wilson. Colonel The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. A reception was held later at the Castle Armoury, Bury. The guests included

included:
The Lord Laurecant of Greater Man-chester the High Special, the Manager of Berry Rechidate, Salard, Olderin and St. Helens, Commander J. E. Dires and a detactment from KMS Editation, Mr. Lond, Male, MP and Mr. David Trippler, MP.

by half-term until June 3. Term ends on July 11

The Summer Term begins today.

A. J. C. Collett (Druries) continues as head of the school and C. L. Fenther (West Acre) is captain of crucket. Speech Day will be on Saturday, May 24, and the half-term exeat will extend from 1822 pm on Spreech Day until 9.0.

less E. Williams, Commander J. Imians, Mrs J. Benichs, his and Mrs Benichs, Miss R. Lemans and Mr and Mrs L. Chown.

there on April 1, 1893. He allowed her to appear under his management in Manchester and London-ber first appearance on the stage had been in 1901— but did not make a favourite of her, and when she became engaged to Jack Hulbert, whose

ing until two years later, in 191a. The musical comedy in which site was then appearing failed, and this. Courtneidge's third failure since the outbreak of the First World War, put him temporarily out of business and his daughter out of work for

first professional job had been to play opposite her in 1913, he

would not agree to their marry-

OBITUARY

DBE, the actress, who died on

Saturday, aged 87, rose to, and

for many years' remained, at the top of the theatre of revue

and musical comedy; and then, at a late stage in her career,

switched over to the legitimate

theatre, establishing herself

It was the success story not.

primarily, of her simply as the

daughter of Robert Court-

neidne, actor and subsequently

Robert Courmeidge was with

a company in Sydney, Australia, when his eldest child was born

there also.

neicge herself.

many months. At last, with her husband in the Army she secured a provin-cial booking for herself in variety. This proved to be the first step in a new career for her as a comedienne specializ-

ing in cameo character skerches... From music halls she went on to play one-night stands, and after a debut in revue with Hulbert in London, had no further opportunity there till she and her husband were engaged by Edward Laurillard for a nine of lock revue at the Little:

Baroness Ward of North Tyneside, CH, DBE, better remembered as the rumbustious Dame Irene Ward, Conservative MP for Trueside and the longest serving woman member of the House of Commons, died in London on Saturday, aged

For the many causes that she championed-improved pay and conditions for nurses and mid-nives, the shipbuilding industhe needs of pensioners, and the fishing industry— she was, as Mrs Thatcher once put "a doughty fighter without

being a blue-stocking ". Indeed, she often caused as much trouble for Conservative governments as for Labour administrations in her constant sniping from her place on the back-bench just above the

gangway. In 1968, she was suspended for five days for her behaviour curing a protest which she made against what she regarded as the "dictatorship" of the Labour Government over its RAF 38 Group Association held: nancing of the Finance Bill. On another occasion, she took the vacant seat of the Prime linister on the front bench and refused to move, saving that she was carrying out a peaceful picket in aid of pensioners'

She got a great deal of fun out of politics-and gave a lot. Her entry into the Chamber the a bustling zestful progress as she disposed herself and her enormous handhag on her seat, rubbing her hands and peering eageric about her.

Irene Mary Bewick Ward, the daughter of an architect, was brought up in Newcastle tron Tyne. After leaving school, she became a secretary, working for an industrialist. and in her spare time was honorary secretary of the Northumberland Conservative Association. In 1924 and 1929, she stood unsuccessfully as Con-servative candidate for Morpeth, and in 1931 she defeated Miss Margaret Bond-field, the first woman Cabinet Minister at Wallsend

Minister at Wallsend
Lady Ward lost this seat to
Labour in the 1945 election,
but returned to the Commons
in 1950 after winning Typie mouth from Miss G. Colman (Labour) by more than 5,000 votes. In the 1930s she had been in the British Government delegation to the League of Nations, and during the 1939-

MR R. Q. GURNEY

Mr Richard Quintin Gurney, who was High Sheriff of Norfolk in 1959 and Lord Mayor of Norwich in 1961, has died in hospital after a riding accident. or was ob.

Gurney was a member of a banking family, and was the was 66.

seventh member to be High Sheriff since 1835. He was also appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk in 1969. he served in France and North

During the Second World War Africa with the Royal Artillery, was taken prisoner at Tobruk in 1942, and escaped from the

Actress of varied falents for over 70 years Daine Cicely Courtneidge Sector for E York.

could earn more money inde-pendently of each other, than rogether. Even so it needed the boom in British films in the early 1980s, to reestablish them financially through a succession.

BARONESS WARD

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one to enable local authorities the consciunion and rule to pay pocket money to old the Royal College of Nu people in institutions.

Bur her main task was to wives required Private Bil defend the interests of the ship- be passed by Parliament.

for hadgering Ministers at question time on local issues.

She embarrassed several made an honorary vice-pression Ministers with her awk. of the RCN for her devotic ward, often finny questions the nurses cause She was She had a habit of asking Mr. a spokeswoman for the Edward Heath, when he was tered Society of Physiol Prime Minister, if he would pists in 1955 she wrote a care to "make a date" with on the work of the FANY (her so that she could convince Aid Nursing Yeomanny) chim of the rightness of some FANY Invicta.

advocating. He always made a at Tory womens' confergellant reply and favoured color When she was suspended in flowered hats. During one When she was suspending in Howered division in the Command been protesting on the she lent her hat to three floor of the Chamber, getting MPs in succession so that in the way of the tellers at the could raise points of order end of a division and arguing the Speaker only powith the Speaker. At one point, diring a division when it booked as though the way. Hember remains "seated ground to run off with the Mace.

reacted angrily, saying she was the world and she's behaving like a lishwife. She unique And she also—it's lettered: "I represent a fishing constituency and I am every nuance of procedu

ister of Health, came under severe attack from Dame Frece, pay increase, while others, par-ticularly the dockers, were get

MR T. K. FINLETTER "Mr Thomas Knight Finletter." who was Secretary of the Air Force under President Truman in the United States, and Defore that was head of a Marshall plan mission to Britain, died in New York on April 24. He was

In 1961 President Kennedy appointed him as ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and be continued in 1955. In 1975 the be

Mr Kirill, llyashenko, President of the Soviet Republic of Moldavia, died on April 21, at schriebenen Memoiren, the age of 64. on a series of interviews.

Under the Counter sature, she had her firs vehicle, which served indicently in post-war but not subsequently,

After she had toure. Ha in it and had enjo a moderate success of rurn, Ivor Novello w composed a musical ber, Gay's The Word proved to be his own I for the theatre, and th of her career as a on band or musical exit.

personified. In 1956 she did a play, a farce, by Ronale during the run of w proadcast in a varie gramme, and in 1960 farce by Millar brou Hulberts together in musical play for the fir Her return to music: version of Noel (Blithe Spirit was follo

cesses in the legitimate This which showed h "clown in clover" of he days, while remaining nizably the public's own the boom in British films in the Courmeidge was in early 1930s to reestablish them Tempes's old part in financially through a succession. Smith's Dear Octopy of comedy talking pictures, which, in the Sand year. Their joint successes in that marriage, Hulbert once medium included The Ganst played opposite to her. Train and Jack's the Boy Cicely Further success was to Courmeidge also made a film her in 1971, the year in in Hollywood and several films she celebrated her 70th in England, such as Soldiers of stage, within the Ring, without Hulbert Move Over Mrs Markha. When she returned to the stage. comedy rank for 18 n enjoying great popularit 1974 a revival of Bree Spring saw her again p opposite her hushand

her husband were engaged by theatre.

Edward Laurillard for a nine.

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She served on committee the Royal Colleges, and

' the' nurses.

Ministry of Labour committee against the Government concerned with the call up of appeared on the same pla women. She went to China in as Mr Jo Grimond, the L 1943 to project the British war leader, and Mr Kenneth I effort there, and also numerous, son, the Labour frontother countries. Spokesman on health (late She was lucky in the ballots to feel the lash of her to

for badgering Ministers at ques-

Government action she was She was a welcome spe

it boked as though she was Member remains "seated going to run off with the Mace covered."

Frequently, she interdupted in a EBC programme, "Labour Ministers with pointed ing Politics," in 1972, Mrs. comments. She was barjacking garm. Thatcher said of in this way when Mr Fred She's a tremendously si Peart, now Lord Peart, leader personality, she never mis of the Opposition peers, but chance; she's known then Minister of Agriculture, respected therever she go teacred angrily, saying she was the world and she's

She nearly always had a symsituation to advantage
from Mr. And I must con pathetic response from Mr shuadon to must confess Harold MacMillan, when he was frene does sometimes get Prime Minister, because he with things that no one knew the problems of the north-could, because we all say, east as well as she did.

east as well as she did.

She was never a curse, but she was an untiling champion of the nurses and midwives during their frequent battles with governments over pay policy. They always seemed to be last in the queue.

Mr Enoch Powell, when Minimary of Hasth ragger under

as she was at the time, when he terests of Tyneside in insisted in 1962 that the nurses tions and in debates. She was should be held to a 2.5 per cent.

> Frau Katharina (Katia) widow of Thomas Mann novelist, died in Switzerlar

April 25. She was 97. - Karia Mann a member Munich family, and Th Mann were and the the They had six children; he denial at this post under President for the first time an auth Johnson, until 1965. her own right by allowing

'Apple war' confrontation is postponed, not averted

is likely to last until the next Agriculture growing season, despite attempts by growers to end it. A statement issued after a meeting of French and English growers in London **Hugh Clayton** last week made it clear that there been little progress on the central question of curbing the

> There was no mention of any agreement with countries other than France which sell apples to Britain. Furthermore, Mr Dan Neuteboom, chairman of the apple and pear committee of the Autional Farmers Union of England and Wales, indicated that

at the owners' cost to the packers

growers would have little faith in the power of "qualitative measures" to meet their cim of a substantial cut in French imports

the words of reconciliation untered ... M. Calleja's gentle tone was by French growers did not even more surprising in the light sisguise the fact that the two sides of comments by Mr. Neutehad postponsed rather than averted a confrontation. Mr Neuteboom, the Dutch born owner of 150 acres of apple trees

owner of 150 acres of applie trees near loswich, said that English growers would want an agreement to cut French imports by mid-june. M Charles Galiéja, president of the apple section of Afcofel, the French assiciation of fruitand vegetable cooperatives, said : "I am happy to say that our English friends are on our side in desending this sector in Brussels. %

He used criticism of Brussels as a tactic to divert attention from the deep disagreements between French and English growers. His conciliatory tone was surprising silice English growers demonstrating outside the hotel where The Joint statement issued by where he spoke were distributing French and English interests and leaflets condemning Prench fruit

of comments by Mr Neure-boom at a meeting of apple growers in Taunton, Somerset, almost a fortugat ago. According to the account of his speech issued by the NFU, he said:
"For 30 years the French

25 years ago From The Times of Thu April 28, 1955 National Service

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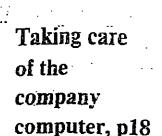
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BUSINESS NEWS

Can the IMF help to the needy? page 19

Empain

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Paris, April 27

From Charles Hargrove

chief holds

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Paris, April 27
Baron Edonard Jean Empain, one of the most powerful industrialists in Europe, and president of the Empain-Schneider group, has decided to retain control of the group.

After he was kidnapped for 63 days in early 1978, Baron Empain handed over the running of the group, which converged to the group, and the group which converged the group.

Empain handed over the run-ning of the group, which cond-prises 150 companies specializ-ing in heavy and nuclear engi-neering with a total turnover of 22,000m francs (£2,315m), to M Rene Engen, one of his closest associates while he re-

covered from his ordeal. However, in October of the san's year he was reelected president, and M Engen became

general director.

■ Stock markets FT Index 427:5 down 7.3 FT Gilts 65.61 down 0.87

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AN BRIEF

EEC bonds proposed to recycle

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He told a meeting of EEC eads of government in Luxemourg that this would help ecycle the surplus dollars of nembers of the Organisation of etroleum Exporting Countries,

eter Norman writes. He also suggested that the uropean Monetary System nould be amended to force ountries with below average iflation performances to take orrective measures. It was unlear how the other heads of overnment reacted to Mr lartens' ideas.

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Jhira energy mission

Mr Massayoshi Ohira, the apanese Prime Minister will sk Mexico to triple its crude il supplies to Japan, and will The Engineering Em sk Canada to ensure a long-erm steady supply of fuel coal reasonable prices when he isits Mexico and Canada early text month, according to sovernment sources quoted by vodo News Service.

Vosper inquiry call

Vosper, now a subsidiary of lavid Brown Holdings, has alled for a public inquiry into ts dispute with the Government wer compensation for its shipmilding and repairing interests, actionalized in 1977. So far, the company has been offered 4.5m for net tangible assets valued at £25m.

Car sales drop

The downturn in car sales in The downturn in car sales in Britain predicted by Sir Ierence Beckett, chairman of Ford last week may have already started. April sales are likely to show a drop of one third compared with April last vear, according to figures circulated privately within the motor

Premium oil for Japan

In the midst of the Iranian crisis, two Japanese firms Identitso and Daikyo have secured an additional 105,000 barrels a day of Kuwait crude oil, Petroleum Intelligence Weekly raports. But the companies will have to pay a premium of roughly \$5.50 a barrel over the official selling price of \$27.50.

Cons Gold denial

Consolidated Gold Fields. consolidated Gold Fields, and the two leading groups in Mr Harry Oppenheimer's empire, Anglo American and De Beers, say they have not been buying more shares in Cons Gold beyond the 25 per cent accumulated in February's market cone To any event they market coup. In any event, they will not go beyond 29.9 per

ASDA turnover up ASDA Stores, the Associated Dairies Group subsidiary, which is Britain's largest operator of superstores, has achieved a 1 per cent improvement in its stare of the retail market in three mouths of squaring prosubmission, is failing to attract an adequate number of young people, largely through the in-dustry's poor image, the federa-tion believes that the United Kingdom's economic decline cannot be blamed entirely on the performance of professional three months of squeezing pro-fit margins on 300 high volume

US interest rates set for a substantial drop, bankers say

Washington, April 27

Reductions in United States interest rates, expected this week, are likely to mark the start of a substantial drop in prime rates, according American bank economists.

Commercial and consumer oan demand is now falling significantly, according to data from the Federal Reserve Board. At the same time, the Fed is seen as easing its tightly restrictive credit stance somewhat. Some easing is possible for the Fed now without changfor the Fed now without changing its money supply target ranges for this year, because of soarp cuts in the money stock in recent weeks.

A large number of corporations are now showing great interest in making loans in the

commercial paper market for as long as 270 days, which is the maximum period for this market, and this indicates to traders that many company treasurers believe interest rates are heading downwards.

The degree to which the money stock has fallen has surprised analysts and perhaps the Fed as well. Last week the Fed bought over 52,000m of government securities and so added fresh cash to the markets.

The money supply, as defined on a M1B basis consisting of currency plus most demand deposits, fell by \$1,900m in the week to April 16 after declining by \$1,100m in the previous week. The Fed's target for M1E growth from the fourth quarter of last year to the fourth quarter of 1980 is 4 to 6.5 per cent. Over the last 13 weeks the annual rate of growth of this measure of the money stock has been just 1.4 per

Last year saw record level credit demands, with the house-hold sector raising \$160,400m in the markets, and with the corporate sector raising more than \$150,000m. In the first few months of this year, the pace continued to be hectic. But changes are emerging quite

Backing for

Engineering

The Engineering Employers Federation (EEF) which represents over 65,000 member com-

panies employing 1.75 million

people, has given its support to

the Finniston inquiry proposal to establish an Engineering Authority, but stresses that at least 50 per cent of its membership should be chosen by the federation

The recommendations are contained in the federations' response to the Finniston Report on Engineering and represent the latest of many submitted to the Department of the transfer on the request since

Industry, on its request, since

the report was published in

Many of the Finniston proposals have led to controversy, not least of which has been the composition and the size of the

stitutions in their submissions have also reserved their judg-ment about a body such as the proposed Engineering Authority which would depend on govern-

ment for its finances.
That is an area highlighted in the EEF response. It says that an initial investment by govern-

ment may be necessary to estab-lish the body, but thereafter it

must be financially indepen-

dent.
It also recommends that the

It also recommends that the authority should be accountable to the Privy Council rather than parliament through the Secretary of State for Industry and would as a consequence be less dependent on government Although the engineering in-

dustry, the EEF admits in its submission, is failing to attract

federation.

Authority

In the first three months of this month, consumer loans extended by banks fell by S524m, compared to a rise in the sany: year ago period of 594lm, according to Fed data. The Fed also reported that commercial loan demand at the largest New York banks fell in the largest large by F512m after

declining in the previous week by 5449m. A new report by the Mellon Cank asserts that the corner on interest rates has been turned, it suggests that real conomic activity in the United States for the balance of this year will full by 2.5 per cent, and that by the end of the year the inflation rate could be down to 10 per cent from more than 18 per cent

Mellon Bank gives a warning about the dangers of making predictions, but it states that consistent with its growth and inflation forecasts are forecasts for this year of falls of 6 per cent in short-term interest rates and declines of 1 to 2 per cent

in long-term rates.

A number of bank economists now believe that rates this year may fall as sharply as they rose over the last year. The prime rate is now between 19 and 19.5 per cent, compared to 11.75 per cent 12 months ago, and the yield on 30 year treasury bonds rose from 8.75 per cent last July to a peak in late March of 12.25 per cent.

But some experts say that cuphoria over imminent rate cuts may prove to be premature. Economists at Merrill Lynch Economics Incorporated do believe that rates will fall this year, but they doubt if the declines will start materializing before the early summer, They point out that companies

may have substantial borrowing needs as the recession bites because of inventory financing, that inflation will continue at current high rates for some weeks still and that the dollar could also face tough selling pressure if rates fell too

strategy under MPs' scrutiny

By David Blake Economics Editor

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer, will face tough questioning from MPs at a meeting of the House of Commons Select Committee on the Treasury and the Civil Service today on the Government's plans for the economy over the next four years. In particular, they seem

likely to want to examine the prospects for Government plans aimed at transforming the nationalized industries from heavy net borrowers into profit the last week by \$513m, after earners, the size of the Cov-ernment's pay bill, and pros-pects for the corporate sector. This will be Sir Geoffrey's second appearance before the committee. When he gave evidence a fortnight ago he was questioned closely about the Government's pay bill this financial year being 25 per

cent higher than it was during the 1979-80 financial year. The Chancellor felt that the tone of the questioning at that session, and subsequent press reports were a setback to Gov-**Industry department**

ernment offorts for lower pay demands, demands.

The MPs were particularly worried about how the pay bill could increase so much when the Government had imposed cash limits which were generally thought to imply a 14 per

cent pay rise ceiling. Although the Chancellor ex-plained that the two figures are consistent, and subsequently wrote to Mr Edward du Cann, chairman of the committee, to clarify the matter further, the way the figures became known has undoubtedly damaged the Government's campaign to lower wage settlements.

Matters were not helped by the Chancellor stating that the private sector was also giving large pay settlements of about 181 per cent in the year up to March. Some Government officials feel that this overstates the rate of pay increases during the present round.

Members of the committee have expressed considerable scepticism about many of the figures contained in the Gov-eroment's medium term finan-

Clothing employers' associations to unite

By John Huxley
- Five employers' associations
from different sectors of the clothing manufacturing industry will form a single organization to represent companies at national government and inter-

national government and inter-national level.

The move to strengthen the voice of the industry comes during increasingly severe pres-sure on manufacturers from imports. The British Clothing Industry Association will have a combined membership from several hundred companies em-ploying about 150,000 people.

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It has been-formed by the British Apparel Manufacturers' Association, the Clothing Manufacturers' Federation, the Corsery Manufacturers' Association, the Overall Manufacturers Association and the Shirt, Collar and Tie Manufacturers Enderston Federation.

At the same time they are to

establish a joint committee for the 1980 wage negotiations with the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers. In the past, each body has drawn up

proposed authority.

The Council of Engineering Institutions, which would lose a great deal of its power and influence to the new proposed authority has strongly criticized such a body which could easily be subjected to the "shifting winds of political convenience". a separate agreement.

Mr Gerald French; directordesignate of the new association (BCIA), said that the
moves reflected the industry's In the EEF submission, it does oppose, however, the creation of any new body without using the existing frame concern to streamline an indus-trial structure which has been Many of the professional in-

representations from another industry organization, the British Clothing Industry's Council for Europe, It will also cover the industrial relations work handled by the bodies individually and by their domestic policy making body, the industry joint council.

BCIA will be established for mally on July 1, 1980, but will not be fully operational until January 1982. An 18-month transition has been agreed to allow for gradual assimilation of the various associations.

Mr Norman Sussman, chair man of the joint council, said at the weekend that the formation of BCIA was a significant step forward. "By promoting and protecting manufacturers' interests on a united basis we can meet the challenges of the eighties with renewed vigour and confidence."

It is estimated that the cloth-ing industry has shed some 10.000 workers in the past six months. Several thousands more are on short-time working.

This has been blamed largely on increased penetration by cheap imports. Clothing manufacturers have called for stricter application of present controls, introduced under the Multi-Fibre Arrangement, and the criticized for heing too weak negotiation of a more restrictive trading regime, when the exist-particular and government of 1981.

Chancellor's Albright & Wilson jobs 'at risk' if Iran trade embargo is imposed

White collar trade union leaders fear that Albright & Wilson, Britain's second largest chemicals company, may be prevented from selling to Iran if the United States Imposes an embargo on trade with the сошпиту.

This would be seriously damaging to job security at A & W, Mr Roger Lyons national officer of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs said. He fears that the embargo

would be extended to A & W, which he says does "substantial" business in Iran, by its American parent, Tenneco. Earlier this year, Mr Lyons called on Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, to investigate Tenneco's trading

policies for A & W, after it be-came known that the British subsidiary was made to comply with United States licensing egulations for exports to Cuba. Mr Lyons said then that this contravened the terms of an understanding drawn up be-tween Tenneco and the Department of Industry at the time of the A & W takeover in 1978.

By Patricia Tisdall Management Correspondent Speculation that the Govern-

ment may merge the Department of Trade with the Depart-

ment of Industry has increased since the recent departure of

several senior civil servants

and the amalgamation of some

The most recent move has been that of Mr Ron Dearing, who goes to head the Post

office's postal operation next month from a deputy secretary-ship in the Department of Industry. A month earlier Mr John Lippitt, another DOI deputy secretary announced, his resignation to go to GEC.

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Only one of the two vacancies is to be filled. Mr Roy Croft is being promoted to deputy secretary to take over shipbuild-

ing, posts, telecommunications and the aircraft and aeroengine

Industries.

Industrial and commercial policy, international matters and the National Enterprise Board

which were previously handled by Mr Lippitt are to go to Mr Gordon Manzie of the Depart-ment's industrial development

At the Department of Trade, Mr John Caines, who has been

on secondment to the National Enterprise Board, has become

deputy secretary. However, he will combine the posts of chief executive of the British Overseas Board with responsibility for export policy, commercial relations with individual countries and the Department's in-

This reduces the number of Department of Trade's under secretaries from six to five. Mr Dearing's department from the

DOI leaves Industry with six under secretaries, but at least

industries.

posts, telecommunications

may merge with trade

Mr David Livingstone: damage has been negligible. The Department of Industry has now replied that there has been no breach by Tenneco of assurances given. However, Lord Trenchard, Minister of State, has agreed to keep the matter under review. In a letter to ASTMS he

secretary posts are part of a

general drive to cut down on

general drive to tot down on staff employed in the Civil Ser-vice. At the Department of Industry the intention is to phase down the numbers from about 5,425 last December to about 4,650. Trade is to be re-

duced from 7,325 to 7,100

Mrs Shirley Williams.

Antony in 1976.

On the civil service from Sir

Antony Part, now chairman of the Orion Insurance Company,

the new Department of Industry with Mr (now Sir) Peter

Carey as his number two. Sir Peter Carey succeeded Sir

At the Department of Trade,

Sir Max Brown became per-manent secretary to be suc-

ceeded a few months later by Mr (now Sir) Peter Thornton.

Mr (now Sir) Kenneth Clucas,

a former Civil Service Com-

components.

adds, "The Government is greatly concerned about axtempts by foreign governments, including the United States government, to influence the activities in the United Kingdom of subsidiaries of companies under their jurisdiction."

A Bill, designed to safeguard companies from this sort of interference, is expected to receive Royal Assent soon.

Yesterday, Mr Lyons said the Government's, reply revealed the complete inadequacy of safeguards established at the time of the takeover.

"It also exposes how powerful multinationals can pick and choose which laws and regulations to abide by, and how

tions to abide by, and how powerless employees are to safeguard their own interests in sateguard then with instances."
Mr David Livingstone, managing director of A & W, has said that his company will

has said that his company will continue to operate as an autonomous subsidiary.

In a letter to Mr Lyons last month, he explained that damage to the company's export business caused by restrictions imposed via Tenno's American connexion has been negligible.



recovered zest for life. Early this year, there were again rumours that Baron Enpain wished to abandon the

expertise to industry.

It has 2,000 members comprising of manufacturers of computers, software or program creators and the users

Specially designed software packages and training courses have made the centre more financially, dependent over the past three years, with nearly 75 per cent of its income being

man for the British computer industry and has frequently to

The most recent reshuffle occurred immediately after the election last year when the navia.

Future funding of £900,000 has been allocated. After this the state will subsidize only on a pound for pound basis. navia. Government reamalgamated the Department of Prices and Contwo are due for retirement with sumer Protection with the in six months.

Computing centre

50 per cent some of the special funding given to the National Computing Centre bringing its finances into line with those of private industry and, other research groups.

Although it will affect only a small proportion of the centre's activities they are those

funds cut

A merger would recreate the joint department for Trade and Industry which existed during the 1970-74 Conservative administration. This was split up by the Labour Government in March 1974 into three separate which involve the international discussions on standards for the computing industry. These talks will in future be required to be funded in part by private The centre was established

Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn became Secretary of State for Industry, Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the separate Department of Trade out of which came the newly created and run 15 years ago by direct government grant aid, but over the years it has managed to raise quite a substantial part of its income by selling its Department for Prices and Con-sumer Protection headed by

of those computer systems. Nearly 80 per cent of that membership are users and con-sequently the activities of the centre have been designed for their convenience.

Appointed permanent secretary to the new Department of Prices and Consumer Protection was generated by such professional services. But the centre acts as spokes-

represent the country in nego-niations with similar bodies in France, Germany and Scandi-

Baron Edouard-Jean Empairi:

presidency of the group which employs 130,000 people, but in an interview with the news magazine Le Point, he stated that be had recovered his ze'st for life, and was resuming ac-tive control. His reasons for taking over

again were that the group was in a way "his baby", that he had a duty towards his force bears and that he had some personal scores to settle.
"Those who think they can wrong," he said. "I give them six months to return to the ranks or to leave."

He was convinced that the government - preferred to deal with him over the restructuring of the French steel indus-try in which the group has an important stake through Creusot Loire, which he set up in 1970, and has, under his leadership, branched out into nuclear

technology. After being released by his kidnappers, he received seve eral anonymous threatening letters and telephone calls tr ing to make him relinquish control of the Schneider group.

Argentine banks taken over to halt panic

From Our Correspondent Buenos Aires, April 27

The Argentine Ministry of Economy has taken over the management of three con-glomerates which own the first, eighth and tenth largest surviving banks in the country. The Government is attempting to stop the financial panic which followed the closing of the Banco de Intercambio Regional, the country's largest private bank last month.

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According to a ministry state-

the three banks were being years by the simple expedient used to finance their owners of offering high interest rates undertakings, in contravention on short term deposits.

In one month the Banco de

The best known of these los Andes owned by the Greco groups is Sasetru, the largest group, lost 55 per cent of its Argentine grain exporter in deposits and the Banco Oddone, owned by Senor Luis Oddone, ment in mills and oilseed crush lost 50 per cent. ing plants has resulted in a 1220m debt which the group's cash flow cannot service. The deposits in the banks

concerned had amounted to cight per cent of the national ment the motive for the intermoney supply, but with the vention was the irregular collapse of the Banco de relationships between the banks intercambio Regional a run and the groups which owned them. It had been found that finance houses which had most of the funds deposited in mushroomed over the past two

lost 50 per cent.

To fill the gap lest by these withdrawals Argentina's Central Bank atranged temporary advances, but by last week these advances, had reached \$1,000m and were causing serious economic disturbances.

Where the withdrawals were converted into hard currency the Central Bank was compelled to use more than £132m of its reserves to support the ex-

change programme which is the cornersione of Argentina's anti-

inflation policy.

Moreover, the Central Eark had put an interest rate of 1; per cent a month over the interbank offered rate to takers of these advances, so in the phrase of one banker they were "a lifebolf made of lead and merely ensured the demise of banks desperate enough to need them.

The ministry's statement said that the Greco group would continue to operate under its government trustee, while the other two would have their assets sold off in an orderly way until the debits of each group were met

US investment expert confident share prices will double this decade

Making money with the contrary opinion law

At a time twich everything in America seems expensive and everyone grapples with an 18 per cent inflation rate, the low price of securities is painfully visible to price or securities is paintully visible to every investor.

Last Thursday night Mr James Fraser, an investment expert from Vermont, told a group at the offices here of Dean Witter

Reynolds, the large brokerage house, that "in my 25 years in this business I cannot remember a time when people were as nervous about the market as they are

After the aborted United States military mission to Iran in the early hours of Friday, surely no one on Wall Street would disagree with him. But even the nervous must sometimes take decisions and the big question, of course, is which way will they jump—in or out of equities?

or out of equities .

Mr Joseph McAlinden of the Argus Research Company is convinced that "we are dealing with a classical bear market" that began sometime in February when it was clear the recession was starting and that will last well into the third quarter

of this year.

The rally in share prices last week, due entirely to the sharp declines in short-term interest rates, is dismissed by this expert, as just a temporary phenomena on the way to still lower share price Mr McAlinden says he is a fundamentalist and usually the stock market leads the economy down by six or seven months.

This time will prove to be no exception.

economy contracts and the decline in share prices continues to about half way through the recession. In this case the half way point will be the middle of the third calendar quarter of this vear, he says.

Many people on Wall Street take an equally gloomy view, citing traditional trends and the logic of a situation where companies face a profits squeeze.

But Mr Fraser scorns those who follow the pack, who in his opinion become blinded by historical trends and the weight of the current conventional wisdom.

of the current conventional wisdom.

Mr Fraser has been making money in
the markets, at least an annual compound rate of 13 to 15 per cent over many years, by holding contrary opinions.

He fears that too many people may follow his example and that too many people will pay attention to his views. In such a case, he says, his opinions will become the conventional wisdom and those making money will be those who do the very opposite of what he and the great majority of investors do.
"When your picture is on the cover of

Institutional Investor magazine you are finished, just as when Time magazine says wonderful things about a company you know that is the moment to sell the company's shares," he says.

Mr Fraser does not believe there are any mechanical rules to be observed in

following the contrary opinion course. He does not believe that it is a good idea

He expects the recession might last four right now to buy Chrysler shares because full quarters and he says that in the past the stock market goes down as the economy contracts and the decline in share pany like Sears has been battered too much and become unrealistically unpopu-lar and, now that its share price has fallen from \$62 to \$16, it is the time to

buy.

Mr Fraser believes it is good strategy to study companies that are largely being ignored and to buy when trading volume in the shares of such companies is low. He is also quite willing to apply his rule to the markets as a whole. He points that the great majority of people out that the great majority of people believed a decade ago that shares, were the best hedge against inflation and, as usual the great majority proved unerly

wrong.

Now be notes that shares are unpopular, while people overwhelmingly believe that real estate is the best inflation hedge.

"I think share prices will at least double

this decade," he predicts.

With so many people so nervous anddespondent, Mr Fraser's optimism is welcome and refreshing. "Usually you have to
be different to the rest to make money in the stock market.", he declares. If you are a fundamentalist like Mr McAlinden in this period of intense nervousness, then you ought to be most pessimistic about the market Coming months will show if Mr Fraser's contrary

opinion laws truly work.

Frank Vogl in Washington

ASSOCIATION OF LONDON LIMITED Salient points from the accounts and the statement by the Chairman, Mr. R. J. W. GRABBE, F.J. A. on the Group results for 1979. The recommended final dividend of 5.6p per Ordinary share

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Skyrail Oceanic Ltd v Coleman:

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Pensions: moving without losing

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In either case it is important to check if there are significant differences before accepting a transfered pension. The rate at which the pension is calculated for each year should be scruti-nized. Secondly, the exact de-finition of final pay for the pur-pose of calculating a pension needs to be checked.

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their services. Over the six months of its existence the organization has for instance, provided the Windsor branch of Guide Dogs for the Blind with a co-ordinator for their Golden Jubiles-a retired managing director; it has put a retired chartered accountant in touch with the YWCA Accommodation and

Advisory Service, which needed him: and provided the PDSA with a retired selesman from the motor trade to run one of their gift shops. REACH's address is. Victoria House, Southampton Row, London WCIE 4DH (0144 0940). Patricia Tisdall

How Changing Jobs Affects Your Pension can be obtained free hy sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to. Com-

prenensive set of notes and guidelines relating to details of the cause of computer disasters the levels of consequential ines, the screening of personne. to be employed in computer rooms and the forms of protection that should be considered.

A common mistake, according to Hogg Robinson, is for computer owners to store tapes in industrial risk management at the same area as the comthe insurance brokers Hogg puter, so that any physical damage can destroy months of work as well as the bardware.

treating their computers as if "The hardware might be the least of the problems in the event of a disaster. Mr. Harrod said. An idea that is gaining ground in the United States is for a number of comthey were merely a more expensive piece of office machinery, "We have got to recognize the harm that can be done to so many areas of a puter owners to group together business in the event of a com-puter disaster", he said. and agree to standardiza on compatible equipment so that, say, five companies can share In a number of recent cases, where clients have asked for insurance cover for their comthe cost of setting up a sixth "failur" computer installation puter installations. Hogg Robins that is then ready at short our has called on the services notice to take on the work of on has called on the prvices of IMACS (Security), a consulany of the group that might experience a disaster of some tancy specializing in finding the

Mr. Ion. Palmer, managing director of IMACS, has not been reassured by his findings. "Most companies". Mr Pointer said, "are highly pro-tected against tire, but a surer of computer disasters ductee by the Stanford Research Institute in 1978 showed that of 355 United States cases, only 4 per cent cent were caused by fire On the other hand, over 59 per loss that would ensue from a disaster and very few are amare of what the real risks are", he cant were the result of maistious damage."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

S. At a time when all the media are concentrating on the United Kingdom's EEC Budget contribution as the main nem for discussion at the Luxem-bourg summit, it is perhaps which reminding ourselves that at east one of the other issues involved, the renegotiation of ing European common fishery DOILT. also has at stake \$1.00cm per annum—the annual value of the fish caught in the so called European Pone, of which something like Crown per annum comes from United Kingdom waters, and of which the Community have so

The development of any succe stal economic, political and tacks federation of nations must depend on the establishment of consistent and fair basic principles which must reflect and be adaptable to inter- necessary change and developnational, political and econo- ment of the Community's poli- also for the credibility mic conditions and changes, cles is to be dominated by sel- integrity of the "great Et The Community did establish fish, political opportunism its ground rule for the owner-based on bartering and in-ship and development of nat-trigue, and such old fashioned ship and development of the treaty of qualities as integrity, justice must pursue their presented resources by the Treaty of qualities as integrity, justice must pursue their presented in 1956, spelling out and logical consistency simply strong policy to its ultimate clearly that the natural assets case to have any place in the end and this clearly required to the decisive action within the natural assets. of the member states would be retained and exploited by them and not become the property of the Community.

Just prior to the anticipated dom's most enterprising, efficient, productive and strike members with substantial fish resources. Norway. Denmark and the United Kingdom, our community partners have a Raik Road, Community partners hastily either managed to hold their Aberdeen, our together a policy which own or indeed to expand. Each Scotland effectively changed the basic of our main fishing partners is April 25.

ground rule on the ownership of natural resources by largely indirect subsidies and ear allowing the sharing out of blatantly cheating by ign fish resources among the catch restraint regulations member states. This was conservation rules conservation rules conservation rules against a background of the principle of free fishing access largely applying worldwide and largely applying worldwide and the United Kingdom unwillingly accepted this policy after some safeguards were incorporated and on the clear understanding that it would require to be renegotiated prior to 1982.

In the meantime international policy has changed and we are now living in a world of 200-mile national coastal zones. far been "generous" enough to offer us 1250m. Having completely failed the basic consistency test, the Community is now compound-ing this failure by refusing to adjust its policy to this major international change.

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Decisive action needed on fishin

facing the almost unbelies trading position where partners are catching our ural resource in unrestra fishing in our waters and pletely undermining United Kingdom's produc undermining market position by selling fish back to us at che. prices than those at which own fleet, fishing under restricted quota restraints

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rules, can produce. Time is now running fast, not just for the Un Kingdom fishing where our typically Bri Quite simply, the fish negn- "honesty and tair platiations are proving that approach is now fast ered our negotiating position, issue, that our governm two or three months to bre the dezolock.

Yours sincerely, Scotland AB9 SAG.

Big boys' who don't pay up Grave case

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To men produce by some \$15,000-worms of The increasing until four visits ago. Now, as a result of time his companies not nigang their bills within a reas Sydney Paulden make the are down to a Lancashire. April 21, 1980.

British industry should expand and modernize, but not By the same token, it is the at the expense of the small specialist firms: so, big boys, pay your bills when asked to, so we can keep our specialist teams together.

Our pay increase this year was 10 per cent, well below inflation or the going rate in wage settlements, because we know our employer cannot afford to borrow money at 20 per cent-just to subsidize our castomers. So pay up you big companies-you 1125.000 to date. Yours faithfully. THOMAS H. FLEMMING, 12 Eskbank. Skelmersdale,

From Mr Thomas H. Flemming can only purchase the Sirs. You have in the past, and raw materials on a daily chairman's face

From Mr Stewart Nicoll Sir, With regard to compan annual reports (April 23; pc) haps it is timely to print : hit of doggerera which used to circulate in the office, of the late S. H. Benson Ltd. a its day our most sales produc ing and perhaps most effective advertising agency. " If the client is ' hard-to-

please Try a larger name block please. If he still should prove

Use a picture of the factory Only in the gravest cases Publish pictures of their iaces.

Circa 1930, perhaps by Oswaid Green. Yours faithfully, STEWART NICOLL, Steveley, Lendal.

60 years later our original idea is still paying dividends.

60 years ago we bought a dump - The Mechanical Transport Repair Depot in Slough - and transformed it into the World's first modern Industrial Estate.

We've come a long way since then but our original concept has stayed the same - to meet the specific needs of industrialists, local communities and work forces alike. The graph illustrates how well that concept has paid off.

Our Chairman, Nigel Mobbs, reports: "I am glad to report another year's record results with pre-tax profits improving by 22% from £8.228,000 to £10,070,000... Net earnings increased by 33% to £7.712 millions reflecting a 23" tax charge. As a result of new lettings, reversions and rent reviews. UK rental income increased from £12.76 millions to £15.34 millions, whilst overseas rental income was up from £4.87 millions to £5.44 millions.

Dividend. The Directors recommend the payment of a final net dividend of 1.4p per share ... an increase of 36.4% which betters the forecast improvement of 30% made at the time of the issue of 8% convertible unsecured loan stock last May.

£142 millions which increased the current net asset value per Ordinary Share from 81p (79p diluted) as at 31st December

The Future. The Group is buying new land and is maintaining prudent development momentum....In 1980 business conditions will be particularly difficult, with high interest rates likely to persist ... Despite this adversity, Lexpect, subject to no unforeseen circumstances, to be reporting some increase in profits for 1980".

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Similar expenditure overseas, amounting to £1.115.000 (£1.182,000 in 1978)

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Net Assets Per Share. The property revaluation at 30th September 1979 produced an overall surplus of 1978 to 184p (169p diluted) at the close of 1979.

Interest and other charges on projects under construction in the UK har a been capitalised in the amount of £639,000 (£607,000 in 1975). Slough Estates 60 years of development.

Slough Estates Ltd., Slough Estates House,

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Chemicals growth helps the North-west gainst a background of in-theless also pointed out that reading anxiety about the ero-

This sector may do little to fo elleviate the region's persistent - inemplayment problems, since any nature it is capital rather han labour intensive. How-

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region may well sidesten the full consequences of the investment slowdown and that its existing and expanding chemicals base could provide the springboard for further develogments.
Shell Chemicals at Carring-

ton in Cheshire is building four substantial new facilities due for completion this year which represent a total investment of £64m.

One of them, a new low-density polyethylene plant costing 123m is designed with a single large-scale production line to concentrate on what Shell describes as its bread and butter " polymer output.

This will leave an existing low-density plant with four separate production lines open for the development of special

In readiness for the opening of the new plant later this year. Shell has been concentrating on a product develop ment programme to expand its share of the polymers market and to enable it to meet the changing demands of some of the traditional users.

Mr Gerry Dodd, Carrington's polyethylene marketing manager, save that the results of this programme are already bearing fruit in the ferm of new materials, some of which are capable of being blown to much thinner-gauge films without loss of strength.

Another of the grade products to emerge from the programme in the area of heavy duty films was the result of technology evolved for the manufacture of materials to sheathe underseas cables. Batches of this product are now undergoing customer trials in Ireland where there is strong demand for heavy duty films for begging ferti-

lizer:

Lightweight films have been developed which combine the

material economy and a consequent price advantage. These should find ready murliers in mundane areas such as corner bags and supermarket shrink wrapping. Developments of this kind, which are of remendous importance to Shell itself, also

serve as illustration; of the industrial growth areas into which the North-west's chemiindustry base can be co pected to go. The region's position as a leading European centre for pharmaceuticals production has been strengthened by recent

developments within two com-

punies worth a total of \$8.5m. Dista Products, part of the United States based Eli Lilly group has begun to expand its antibiotics plant at Liverport, and the Wellcome Foundation. has already invested 56m at Crowd over the past five years, is earrying out a expansion programme at pharmaceuticals complex

R. W. Shakespeare

Markets in the middle

ing political tension following Presi-Carter's abortive action in Iran has i a new twist to the already confused re for international equity and bond

much of this week then financial marre likely to be as volatile as they were end of last week, responding more to s on the diplomatic stage than the

lying fundamentals. least the foreign exchange markets red to remain relatively calm with ollar managing to stand up reasonably to-last Friday's events. Much though ids on the movement of Opec funds. ears of a substantial withdrawal from uromarkets has led as much as any-to the fall in Eurobonds and heavy

nity markets, meanwhile, are showing eat enthusiasm about following bonds the fall in United States prime rates to ir cent only helping Wall Street and ng little echo in other major markets. Jnited States market's impressive 30.7 s jump last Tuesday soon ran into taking but investors now seem more ed that interest rates have at last. d and are looking through the next

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ilers

ssures in **High Street**

are lean times for retailers. As anyaking a stroll through Oxford Street nd Street can see, the glitter has gone the hub of the retail trade. The dearth urism is one reason. But the awful s, last week, from Grattan Warehouses, atback in projected profits at MFI as as the recent disappointing figures such diverse groups as W. H. Smith, worth or CES, show that the problem

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capitalization. No drilling is planned

a North Sea structures have probably identified and are already being

Retailers have been squeezed between sharply rising costs and—depending on the sector—a static or falling volume of sales. Wages in this labour intensive business have more than kept up with inflation while the five points hike in VAT added nothing to profits margins. Rents, rates and other charges have all kept pace with inflation.

This year there will be some relief on

costs but the squeeze is likely to be on the spending side. With this sort of background, analysis have been revising their projections downwards.

Retailing is so diversified that at any one time there are sectors and companies that buck the general trends. Thus last year the volume growth for durable consumer goods was up by 5.3 per cent and companies, especially those involved in credit sales benefited and many of them were able to compensate for lower margins. An indication of some trends is that sales at electricity showrooms were up by 22 per cent and radio and television hire went up by a third.

Companies such as Dixons ignored the VAT increase, did not pass them on to consumers, and went for all out volume growth thus absorbing lower margins.

At the other end of the scale where the fashion groups and department storeswhich rely heavily on fashion sales. They fell victim to the VAT hike, designs that were shunned by the public and unseasonal weather. Hence the poor results from such companies as CES. Furniture and Do-ityourself companies were hit too by the deteriorating outlook and lower spending. An exception was MFI but its recent statement suggests that this year will be a great deal tougher.

Food retailers had to contend with static volume and runaway costs. To some extent high interest rates which enable some of the cash rich groups to earn large sums before they pay to their suppliers, stock relief and gain in market share will mitigate the worse imnact for the more successful operators.

The outlook is not good. Results in the second-half of this year are likely to be better but only because last autumn and winter were extremely bad. Consumer spending is hardly likely to match last year's 3.5 per cent rise in real disposable

Eventually there will be a recovery and, many retailing companies have strong enough assets to withstand a prolonged recession. But any purchase of shares in this sector should be deferred until the perspectives become brighter, possibly at the end of the year or in 1981.

crashed from 930p to 404p before ring to the present 680p. Other lary oils shivered too. The episode,

s collapse, they do so almost over-

ne would say that they also exaggerate. ill know that a salesman's lot, like a eman's is not a happy one, but Middlehould be taken up on the claim: "The mial, for onshore oil and gas develop-

has been largely overlooked."
s it? Consider Candecca Resources.

cet capitalization is around £18m. take Clyde Petroleum. This group is. le in oil in Ecuador, where it will ably reinvest the bulk of earnings. But tement about United Kingdom onshore has helped the shares to a £35m mar-

gain, the writers claim: "Most of the loped while the cost of exploring for

dary oil stock supporters got a shock oil let alone developing fields, in deeper r this month when a little North Sea and more hostile waters is becoming ration stock, Siebens Oil and Gas increasingly expensive." The second part of this statement seems

sound, if unsurprising. But the first part ode, is decidedly contentious.

Some would say that a huge acreage has to be explored—and allocated. If, as seems then likely oil gets dearer, it will pay to seek

oil in deeper waters. This analysis is obviously the work of

enthusiasts and enthusiasm is a necessary if not a sufficient, condition for making money from onshore oil, as from anything else. However enthusiasm is all that is necessary for losing it. So the subsequent work of Middleton's authors will be scanned as eagerly as the present one.

They say: "We propose to follow the

exploration play closely as it develops over the next few years. In doing so we expect to provide a well scouting service, and of course, periodic investment reports on the companies engaged in onshore exploration in the United Kingdom."

It would therefore be untrue to say that Middleton are unaware of the speculative nature of onshore exploration. Their solution is a portfolio of stocks.

This is Attock Petroleum, Candecca Resources, Carless Capel & Leonard, Clyde Petroleum, Graig Shipping, and Premier Consolidated Oilfields

This is undeniably a list of all the leading onshore operators, save Shell and BP, and the likelihood is that several will turn up trumps. But the need for Middleton's clients to be given frequent follow up reports is equally clear, if only because so many stocks are quoted only on the unlisted market which can not take sudden, strong, bouts of selling.

Business Diary profile: What guides Egon Ronay

Before last week's meeting of financing these deficits would the International Monetary clearly be welcome.

Fund "interim committee" had But it should be remembered. even begun the main item on the agenda scemed to have buten the dust.

that at this stage in the last-oil crisis there was also much talk of an increased role for the fund. In the end the special Witteveen facility, designed to help oil poor countries not en-titled to large fund drawings, took years to set up and com-mercial banks did most of the recycling. The same could happen again to the latest pro-posals for an increased rule of the fund.

There are two fundamental difficulties facing the IMF. The first is that of gening enough money to lend, and at the right price. Fund officials believe that: at least some of the countries in payments difficulties will need finance at the countries are proposed in the countries of the countries in payments. below market rates if they are not merely to be dragged deeper and deeper into debt with large interest payments due on top of the original

Althoughthe fund has plenty of money in its coffers at present, it expects to need a further boost to its income in the near future.

The second problem is to provide finance on attractive enough terms to encourage third world countries to borrow it. Herethe policy condi-tions attached to IMF money are almost certainly a more important factor inhibiting potential borrowers than is the cost of fund money.
It is far from clear that the

IMF can overcome these barriers to an expansion in its activity. In Hamburg a step was taken in dealing with the first. It was agreed that the managing director of the fund, M Jacques de Larosicre, should begin talks with potential lenders, in practice the surplus oil producers, on host the fund's resources can be

There are moves to boost the fund's role in recycling 'oil money' to the poorer countries

fund's resources can be boosted.

One new method would be for the fund, itself to borrow directly from the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and then lend the money to developing countries. Thus the IMF would be bearing the risk of the loan rather than the commercial banks or the oil exporters directly.

directly. Unfortunately. Open countries are unwifting to be the only lenders involved in such a scheme. The best way abead is likely to be through a network of loan agreements, with some of the ndestralized countries

of the inderstratized countries putting up money, too.

Despite the general support for this plan at Hamburg, it remains to be seen whether countries will be willing to one operate when the time comes. Much will depend on the terms on which the IMF offers to borrow the money.

approved important changes in the fund's own paper memory—the special drawing right-which should make it more attractive to investors. There will now be only five currencies in the basket which makes up the SDR rather than the cumbersome 16 at present. The interest rate payable on SDRs will a lso be calculated as the average of the five and will be fixed at nearly the full

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market rate, rather than at only 80 per cent as before.

These changes should encourage central banks' willingness to hold SDRs in their reserves. But they could make it harder for the IMF to lead wherealth.

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There seems little chance of a resumption in IMF gold sales the proceeds of which have formerly been used to provide cheaperloa as to the poorest developing countries.

The fund's money should soon be boosted by the introduction of the seventh quota which provides for a large increase in its resources. This has been held up for many

has been held up for many months by the American Congress, but last week there were signs that ratification was in

Another way of increasing the IMF ability to lend would be to raise the amount of money which countries may borrow in proportion to their quota m the fund. This has already been happening to some extent
Less obvious progress has been made towards encourag-

ing countries to draw on the fund. The overriding obstacle for many is the conditions attached to fund money. But it was clear last week that the industrialized countries are in no mood to meet developing country demands for an easing

of this conditionality.
One of the big advantages of fund money, in the eyes of the developed world, is that it induces debtor countries to pursue certain policies which the IMF believes will improve their balance of payments.

Can the IMF step up its help to the needy? But there is some evidence of a shift, in fund thinking on the nature of the policy conditions it lays down. More is said now of the need to improve the supply side of economics, particularly by raising investment and to keep growth going. This is in contrast to the funds of the particular to propentiating on fund's usual contrast to the fund's usual concentration on the need to reduce demand and to cut public spending m debtor countries, thus improving the balance of payments.

But there are few signes as yet of changes in the IM'sF policy prescription.

The purpose of IMF loans has traditionally been to provide short-term finance to solve temporary payments problems. The imposition by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries of large and semi-per-manent payments deficits on the rest of the world as counterparts to their surpluses, has inevitably changed the financing needs of many debtor countries.

Many people believe that the fund should now be willing to lend for longer periods. Although the IMF is understandably unwilling to get into the business of financing deficits almost indefinitely. It has lengthened the period over which its extended loan agree-ments are made from eight to

Also, the World Bank, sister institution of the fund, has now been given the go-ahead to make long-term loans for structtural economic adjustment, as well as its usual finance for specific projects.

Caroline Atkinson

Getting down to the detail of enterprise zones

The first of the restriction-free industrial development areas

Sheffield City Council, with a tradition of Labour control' stretching back for more than 50 years, apart from a one-year interval, has never rushed to. spelaud the policies of Tory Chancellors. On the other hand, Sheffield people are mainly practical folk and it anything is on offer from any government in the way of financial aid or cutting red tape, they take it up very quickly.

The substitution account-

proposed by the fund as a means of getting rid of some of the world's unwanted dollars—was given the thumbs down by both the Americans and the Ger-

mans and put into cold storage.

But the blow to the IMF's pressige had been softened by

the time the meeting ended last Friday night. By then, recycling

was the new catch word and most of the assembled bankers

and finance ministers appeared to agree that the fund's part in the recycling of money from

il-rich to poor countries should

The reason for agreement now is not hard to find. Mone-tary authorities are fairly con-

fident that the private banking

system can cope more or less on its own with the recycling of funds from surplus to deficit

countries this year. But there are growing worries about its ability to do the whole job next year and thereafter.

The fund's new forecasts for the combined deficits of the world's neediest countries de-

veloping countries without their

own oil gives an idea of the size of the problem. In contrast to the industrialized nations,

these countries are expected to go even deeper into the red next year as their total deficit rises from nearly \$70,000m in 1980 to almost \$80,000m in

1981. A helping hand from the international institutions in

be boosted.

So, last Wednesday, the policy committee of the city council endorsed in principle the idea of Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, for the establishment of enterprise zones. These are designed to en-courage the development of pri-

rate enterprise " by reducing the burden of government super-vision and fiscal demands". Attercliffe at the east end of Sheffield has been shortlisted for such a zone. At least 500 acres there measure up to the government description of "au rea of physical and economic decay where conventional gov. ernment policies have not succeeded in regenerating self-sus-

Almost every large industrial city has an Attercliffe of its dustry once flourished and row upon row of soot-grimed houses enabled workers to live on the doorstep of their fac-tory or steelworks or colliery. In the Sheffield case it was

always steel or heavy engineer-ing. The prosperity of such works, usually built on the production of armaments in successive wars, has been in decline since the mid-forries. The fortunes of the steel industry have plunged and the pressing need for improved living standards and environmen-tal improvements have swept away factories and sub-stand-ard housing so that Attercliffe is once again ripe for develop-

When enterprise zones are finally designated, it will be for an initial period of 10 years. The measures that have been outlined to benefit new and do away with irritating delays in form filling and other administrative chores. There will, for instance, be

announced by the Chancellor in his Budget speech will be designated by the end of the year. Ronald Kershaw and Ronald Faux have been examining two of the shortlisted sites. exemption from development ment hovering round the 6 per land tax and 100 per cent capic cent mark in Sheffield and distal allowances for income and trict and the prospect of furcorporation tax purposes on in-

corporation tax purposes on in-dustrial and commercial property. There will be exemption from general rates, simplificarion of planning procedures, exemption from requirements of industrial training boards and a reduction to a bare min-

Sheffield City Council has endorsed the principle. Mr I. L. Podmore, the Sheffield Chief Executive, sees : Elsewhere in the United tions; establishing the boundaries of the enterprise zone; discussing proposals for the area; and making, administrative arrangements which will

be necessary to ensure that developers will be able to move quickly. There are still many matters to be cleared up;
At Atterchiffe more than 500 acres have aiready been cleared or are in the process of being cleared ready for developers; but the area is still something of a patchwork. So, will the 500 acres suggested as the size for an enterprise zone come within one regular boundary or will it be made up of a piece here and a piece

Which companies will arra-lify for aid? Mr Podmore admits: "On first thoughts it would seem to make sense to include as much of the undeveloped area as possible rather than putting into it enterpris which are already viable." and existing companies are One ching is fairly certain, many and varied, but all are The establishment of an enter-designed to help financially prise zone in the Sheffield and do away with irritating area and the prospects it offers for additional employment could not have come at a better time. With unemploy-

ment hovering round the b per cent mark in Sheffield and district and the prospect of further job losses in the steel industry as a result of employment cuts by the British Steel Corporation, any straw that may be grasped is more than may be grasped is more than any positive remedy is preferable to the implacable contraction of Clydesiae industry.

Mr Podmore said: "Already we know of literally thousands imum of the Government's of redundancies in the pipeline requests for statistical information and we see on the other side tion and other benefits.

of the equation the job vacan-Sheffield City Council has cies figures declining sharply, now to get down to the practi-which is a worrying trend. We calities. Council officials will are only just away from a real be working closely with the problem with the steel in-regional office of the Depart- dustry running down. We feel ment of the Environment in we are in a fragile situation putting flesh on the bones, with the problems in seed, now that the council has Certainly something like this, an enterprise zone, will be some sort of compensation."

land's west coast, is another short-listed area. Within it is short-listed area. Clydebank, which has an unemployment rate nearing 11 per cent and claims a world record in the number of jubs the town has lost over the past 20 years. A further 3,000 jobs are about to go when the Singer works joins the ranks of industrial mausolea that were Good-year, Foster Wheeler, Turn-er's and Brockhouse. Together occupy more than 300

acres of empty industrial space. Singer will add another 100 acres, which the Scottish Development Agency is in the final stages of according, mak-ing it therefore a suitable case

for enclosure as a self-contained

ction of Clydeside industry.

Mr William Johnston, Provost of Clydebank, says of the enterprise zone idea: "They will not solve the problems of Clydebank, but they could

Clydebank was once famous for shipbuilding. At the John Brown yard on the upper Clyde a fleet of famous war-ships and ocean liners slid down the slipway, culminating in the QE2. The west of Scot-land was the workshop of the Empire and Clydebank the shopfloor.

In its heyday the John Brown yard employed 14,000. Now the yard builds steel-ware for the oil industry and is about to change hands again and pass from American to French control with a workforce probably fewer than

After the First World War Singer had 23,000 workers and when the doors close in June fewer than 3,000 will be left. The 100-acre site is self-contained and is capable of being converted. There are large open spaces which once were yards where timber was stored tained and is capable of being tories are quite unsuited for converted. There are large modern industry. There are open spaces which once were huge boilermaking sheds that yards where timber was stored have been empty for 12 years. Some believe that an enter"Who wants to heat a place prise zone could actually like that? Who can afford create difficulties. possibly to?" he asks create difficulties. possibly to?" he asks.

ones for which has survived and is managing to keep going in an extremely choppy economic

What happens, some people ask, if a company moves into an enterprise zone and begins producing goods which a com-pany such as John Brown Engineering is also producing? Inside the zone the products would be heavily subsidized, and would sell at a price that John Brown Engineering could

never hope to compete against. The Scottish TUC has attacked the proposals as being irrelevant to what is needed in Scotland and likely to damage the laws that protect industry

and employment. It seems clear that the Scot-tish Development Agency would press to have a zone based on the former Singer factory extended if only because of the anomalies that would be created and the 402 acres of further zoning which the Acr could allow. An official pointed out that the zon-ing was "not forever". It was a shot in a very dead-look-ing arm and the difficulties had to be risked. "Wherever they were set up there would

said.
"The case to make Glasgow to fairly upans itself a zone is fairly unans-werable. Look at the whole of west central Scotland and it is bleeding, but in Clydebank the haemorrhage has been severe."
Provost Johnston advocates
buildozing much of the old industrial property and starting afresh. Many of the old fac-

be the same difficulties", he

DE BEERS CONSOLIDATED MINES LIMITED ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED

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Joint Announcement

Discussions have been held between De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited (De Beers) and Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Limited (AAC) on the one hand and Consolidated Gold Fields Limited (CGF) on the other following the purchase by De Beers and AAC of approximately 25% of the equity of CGF.

The following statement is issued jointly by Mr. H. F. Oppenheimer, Chairman of De Beers and AAC and The Rt. Hon. the Lord Erroll of Hale, Chairman of CGF for the information of the shareholders of the three companies concerned:

De Beers and AAC have made it clear that there is no immediate intention on their behalf or of any of their associates to increase their existing holding and that in any case it would not be their intention to increase their combined holding in CGF beyond 29.9% in the future.

De Beers and AAC have repeated the assurance given at the time the acquisition of the holding was announced that there is no intention to use the holding to bring about any change in the control or management of CGF.

De Beers, AAC and CGF believe it is in their interests to maintain a fully competitive situation in the mining industry in the Republic of South Africa and elsewhere. However, they will, where appropriate, seek to co-operate to the mutual advantage of all shareholders.

This statement provides the context within which discussions continue on appropriate board representation and details will be announced in due course.

H. F. Oppenheimer Chairman of De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited and of Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Limited

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Erroll of Hale Chairman of Consolidated Gold Fields Limited

28th April, 1980.

n Ronay is just off on a potional tour of North rica on behalf of the British an unusual assignment the man who described ring standards at London's cipal tourist attractions as usly "appalling" or adalous"; and who has recently warned Ameri-that if they wish to come

uninformed during fre-delays and fed unspeak-Ronay has always in that his crusades as the public ge of ppointed scourge . standards in tring were undertaken in the interests of the tourist stry. He has maintained relations with the BTA many years, publishing les to tourist attractions in cliation with them, and this e enlisting them as overseas cributors for his new Raleigh Guide. It is the good value fred by British pubs (for ms and food rather than just (a) that Roney will be that Roney will be be besizing in his American

by air they must be pre-d to be herded like cattle,

This typifies Ronny's stance yourspoken in denunciation, exially where big companies all monopolies are to blame, ever appreciative of the ever appreciative of the ment (which was, he says, the difficulties and under later bodies of his difficulties. Jonay was born in Hungary, still being cleared from the modifiather had been according to the later of Poet. adfather had been successrestaurateurs. He came to gland first as a schoolboy to the language. Had were quietly at home when the intervened he would have a Russians moved in and the Russians moved in and the family's five restaurants were family so five restaurants were



"OK, wise guy, get a load of this": Egon Ronay in America. Hungarian of a hard-drinking mayor, who (non-combatant) mounted artillery.
At the war's end Ronay reopened his father's establish-

In London Ronay was soon managing a Hungarian restaurant, and then a society establishment in Piccadilly (dark ties only), before having a restaurant of his own, the Marquee, off Knightsbridge. So pugnacious and eggressive a spirit was not going to stay quietly at home when the

had won the respect of the Soviet occupiers, Ronay ob-tained an exit permit. He has not been back to Hungary since 1946.

The restaurant was opened on a shoestring (the decor cost f25), but quickly won a good write-up in an early edition write up in an early

Daily Telegraph chose Ronay to appear in touring cookery brains trusts which the paper staged. When Fanny Craddock left that newspaper to join the Daily Mail k was Ronay who succeeded her as dining out columnist. Six years later in 1957, Ronay was ready to publish his first wide.

He researched it, wrote it, published it and sold it (at three shillings a go) as himself and it sold 35,000 copies. Financially it was possible only because the Ford company took several pages of pany took several pages of advertising Ronay has been in the business of selling guides, sponsorship and advertising ever since.
The hotel and restaurant

guide, now approaching its quarter century, is an estab-lished arbiter of culinary excellence and comfort, spon-sored by Lucas. The Egon Ronay Organisation (with a staff of about 50 backed by staff of about 50 backed by freelance writers and editors) also produces Britain's best selling guide, Just a Bite, Ezon Ronay's Lucas Guide. for Gournets on a Family Budget, In other years they have similarly produced guides on transport cafes (the usually immaculately dapper Ronay donned an old anorak to carry out his own inspections), tourist out his own inspections), tourist

attractions, ski resorts (Ronay has been a keen skier) and budget holidays in Europe.

Ronay wrote every word of the main guide himself until it reached 1,000 entries. Even now that he has a full staff of inspectors and writers be does

easily.
One of his longest-serving colleagues, a fellow Hangarian, is designated inspector of inspectors to ensure the job is 200 places mentioned

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He initiates the projects and he always involves himself in them (too much so, despairing subordinates are sometimes inclined to think). He is an inclined to trank). He is an innate publicist. It was he who interested Jack Jones in the transport cafes guide, who arranged to launch a Guide one year at Maxim's in Paris and who initiated the campaigns about hospital and motorway food, and the reports on army rations and trans-atlantic arlines. In his youth Ronay boxed a little, played a sharp game of termis and rode the Magyar way, "by blood and sweat". He retains this aggressive and pugnacious streak and resents

slights, real or imagined, greatly. He is terrible when roused—and once succeeded in roused—and once succeeded in wringing a promise from The Times that they would never send the present writer to any of his functions again. But he is also magnanimous and charming in reconciliation.

Would he rather be running a restaurant himself? "Of ning a restaurant is like show business. You cannot really give it up." He is, one reflects, as he picks fastidiously at the confit de ranard at L'Interbode de Tabaillau, probably the last man you would ask to share

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Arthur Young is to expand overseas

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The company said a "Euro Int. Harvester pean "Federation" will begin operating on July 1, combining Arthur Young's European offices with those of a group of European accounting, tax advisory and management consult-

The federation will be called AMSA Group, based in Amster-dam, and will be a member of Arthur Young international. All but a few of the firms in the AMSA group have been members of Aithur Young In-Newcomers include Moret Limperg and Moret Gudde Brinkman, the Netherlands, and Schitag Schwabische Treuhand

AG, of West Germany.

AMSA group's combined annual revenue will exceed S. Kanaga, Arthur Young's chairman. Including AMSA group, Arthur Young Internagroup, Artiur Joing interna-tional's combined worldwide revenue will exceed \$650m he said. The group has 83 offices in 15 nations. It will be govby a management council.

Arthur Young said: "It is the intention" that in each rep-resented country the group will practice through a single

Briefly

Capital & Counties Property

lease of Kirkgate Way, a shopping precinct in Wakefield, from the Peachey Property Corporation, for \$1.35 million. This property, which is held on lease from the City of Wakefield, is subject in part to a compulsory purchase order.

Tebbitt Group: Contracts have been exchanged for the acquisit-

group, and an investment freehold property in Queensyate; London. Consideration is \$80,000 for Signgate and Sim for Queensgate

Grampian Television: Dividend 2.28p (1.62p) for year to February 29. Turnover \$4.65m (54.43m). Pretay profit \$502,500 (\$406,000). Eps 3.5p (\$.20p).

Liberty & Co: Sales for year to January 31, £22,65m (£23.11m). Pretax profit £497,000 (£1.96m). Eps 0.1p (17.06p). Dividend 3.4p (3.22p).

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(3.5p). Group's balance sheet shows an improved picture based on a positive inflow of cash for 53.3m compared with an outflow of

International Harvester Com-

pany of Chicago says it and its International Harvester Credit

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credit and \$120m of credit lines.

The company said the additions bring total confirmed credit facilities to 53.185n,

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BELGRAVE (ELACKHEATE) Turnover for year to January 31, 53.81m (£3.85m). Pretax profit £92,000 (loss £55,000). Dividend, 1.5p net (1p).

Booker McConnell: Annual report reveals a pre-fax profit on CCA basis of \$12.85m (£15.85m). Historical £21.78m (£21.58m).

for 1979 show CCA pretax profits of 5374,000, compared with 51.75m in 1978, against historical figures of 51.1m (52.4m in 1978).

Wilmot Breeden (subsidiary of Rockwell International): Sales 12 months). Pretax loss, £1,62m (profit, £4,22m).

MINET HOLDINGS: Corroca Black Corporation of New York had a stake on April 23 of 19,05m

WATMOUGHS (HOLDINGS) : Resalts of rights issue show accept-ances received for 95.9 per cent of

R. H. Cole: Turnover for 1979 528.22m (523.4m). Pretax profit 5681.000 (5567,000). Eps 9.9p (15.9p). Dividend 4.65p (4.14p). Walter Duncan & Goodricke: Pre-tax profit for 1979 533,603 (5754,603). Diridend 129 (129). ABERDEEN TRUST: Interia 2p (15.5p). Dividend 4.55p (4.14p). Hestair: Turnover for year Jan 31, 1980, 55.85m (558.95m). Pretax profit £493.000 (loss £341,000). EPS 2.3p (loss 3.7p). Fimil 1p (1.35p) Forecast final of not less than 3.3p, making total 5.3p net (4.45p).

Construction shares come under the spotlight

Construction shares come show a figure of f540m for the fevent factory closure under the spotlight this week 15 mounth period. This combeen included in with full-year figures from profits of f428m against f483m. The closure of the form will with she thairman's indication. When the fear share were

be revealing full-year figures after a tough year in the engineering sector, while in foods BAT will be reporting the final phase of its 15-month figures resulting from the change in its financial year.

The retail sales figures for March are published today by the Department of Trade and are followed on Wednesday by the CBI's industrial trends survey for April

Thursday sees the start of a including \$2.13bn or cank credit lines, \$822m of revolving credit new month and the assue of the unemployment figures for commitments, and \$255m of other short-term borrowing extending beyond fiscal 1980. March from the Department of Employment along with energy trends from the Department of Energy and consumer. expenditure for the first quar-The American group says that earnings from oil and natural gas exploration and ter from the CSO. Finally on Friday the Bank of England and the Treasury publish the production activities during the first quarter totalled \$50m compared with \$50m last year. The company said that this year's total included a noncapital issues for April and the United Kingdom official re-

The deterioration in relations recurring gain of \$18.5m from the sale of its 161 per cent interest in the Rugh Gas Field between Britain and Saudi Arabia sent a shiver running through the shares of Tarmec last week. But the market will probably be reassured by the group's figures, due tomorrow, when taken against the depressing conditions inside the construction industry.

Pretax profits for the year to December 31 should show an increase of 57m on last year's figure of 525.6m, helped mainly by a further strong contribution from its quarrying interests.

These are in fact the group's main source of profits contribut-ing during 1979 518m. Observers suggest the continued strength of the quarry division lies in the ever rising transport costs which have led to small monopolies in local areas. This has resulted in another significant improvement in margins

However, the building products and construction sides may have experienced a further downturn set alongside the tough time being experienced in the building industry as a result of the cuts in public spending and higher interest rates. At the same time, the seas operations have come under Prosper Linked Investoring in the Middle Rest, from Walker (I.C.).

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United Kingdom construction industry. First half profits showed a decline of 42 per cent owing to the poor weather and the transport drivers dispute

in 1978 the group cornered Toynise Smith St Aubover 6 per cent of the market in private housing accounting Turiff Corp, and W local authority building accounted for about 6,550 houses THURISDAY Interims But further reduction in public Wire Group and Went spending and higher morning vestment Co. Finals interest rates have meant a (Henry) and Sous, Davidifficult time for most builders. Newman. George W The position is expected to Control of Investment The position is experied to Guardian Investment deteriorate still further this High-roft Investment year. In addition, the group's over-

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Michael C

Growth prospects win plaudits for Hambro Life.

Two stockbrokers have come In Liverpool, Rensburg & Scottish Agricultural Industries is strong though a strong pound ing at the reasons for the ut firmly in favour of Hambro Co are taking an optimistic is "a very underrated come could the constitute be a second to the constitute because of the constitute of the constitut

recommend the shares on the basis of high profits and divi-R&P remark that Hambro's

actuarial surclus and dividend were both better than expected for 1979 and "the progress made by the company since its flotation in July, 1976, has been well maintained and the growth of new business in the early months of 1980 confirms the underlying strength".

Similarly L&C see dividend growth averaging 26 per cent a year over the next three years and comment: "We continue shares as the outstanding longterm value in the life assur-ance sector."

view of the prospects for J. Cruicksbank both Bibby Rensburg expect profits the shares on the of \$11.7m this year against 19.7m fast time on turnover up from £188.1m to £239m.

The brokers comment that the company has "progressed powerfully" from its poor profitability in the early seven-ties and point out that the record results last rear were achieved in spite of the transport and engineering disputes.

In 1980 they expect as improvement on the industrial side with Sterilin turning in a contribution and quieter conditions elsewhere. In the longer term expansion via acquisition and organic growth is expected.

expected. time believe the medium-term.

Heseltine, Moss & Co believe view is good. The balance sheet.

since 1928, but Heseltine stress

that SAI should be seen as a quite separate entity. However, profits in the current year are expected to be static or decijning slightly from last year's £5.7m, which was in the year before. Squeezed mar-

pany". ICI controls 624 per cause of increased import pents cent of the equity and has done tration in its established.

dation comes for Portsubuth hapharard spread of inter and Sunderland Newspapers However, Capel reckor from Grenfell and Colegrave, who expect profits for the gass to March 31 to come to 14m against 12.9m last time and £2.1m the year before.

They point out that histo cost profits have increased at an aneual compound state of just over 24 per cent since 1970 but in 1980-81 they acknowledge that there could be a decline of 10 to 15 per a Nevertheless they expect will be the culprit, but Hesel as soon as economic constitions.

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Aystery ends over General Mining

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st only were we wrong in specific instance, but broadly, the interpren of the present balance within South African ng was misunderstood. ed with close connections ig the Afrikaner financial dishment, notably nutably rale Mynbou.

ose links remain streng. though the amalgamation Union Corporation has a simplified the stare rship structure, one of main points of the excer-

recent years, however, recent years, however, caner big business, at least Johannesburg, has come a more to resemble enter-of English-speaking ori-Thus General Mining, h combined with Unicorp has a capital base of Mm and is certainly big, ders itself to be on the all wing of the Chamber of s.

Anglo American few mining the fuss about its bady awry.

The difference is subtle because on one interpretation ir illustrates the companies different beginnings and image within the republic. Anglo, more of a family concern, has been something of a vehicle for Mr Harry Oppenheimer's political views.

The company must therefore be seen to be putting its money where its chairman's mouth is. Genmin is not so identified in keeping South

(在在1916年) Mining.

Africa safe for a particular brand of capitalism, and sensitive to the instincts of its founders and some of the prejudices of its shareholders, does not want to be regarded to pushing change in the as pushing change in the country too fast.

A further contrast is also important. Anglo, by definition, is more international in outlook. Even if the practice has somewhat lagged behind. Mention in main street of Charter Consolidated provokes a sad shaking of the head, while Minorco induces a sly grin. Genmin has never shown

great interest in ventures outside South Africa where, as the company reasonably points out, their expertize lies and few mining projects have gone

within the republic. Where gold mines are concerned the policy is to expand existing ones as far as possible rather than develop new ones.

Improving present properties gives a higher marginal rate of return—even though the company would look as a rule of thumb to a DCF of 25 per cent on new projects—and eases an increasingly telling restraint, the shortage of experienced planning staff,

In common with other min-ing houses Geomin has elab-orate internal training pro-grammes for all levels of employee designed partly to offset the labour shortage. But unlike some competitors, the company may be more aware of its own limitations. Well-placed mining sources in Johannes-burg say, for example, that Anglo's shortage of planning staff has forced it to postpone a new development.

proposition. Genmin currently If extra gold production is largely to be found from existproduces about 30 per cent of ing mines, coal is a different sively as a by-product from the story. Genmin at the moment produces about 30 million tons of coal a year, of which only a million is exported. Now that its export quota has been raised to six million tons a gold mines. But the group's year, significant extra capacity must be developed.

Genmin's strong finances and management mean that the rivalry with Anglo is com-mercial rather than political, if so crude a distriction is per-Genmin shares the view that steaming coal will be in short supply by the end of the decade and that prices are missible, as senior executives wryly point out. They think Unicorp is a better investment therefore likely to rise stead-

Dr Wim de Villiers, chairman

ger part, though because the

price is thought unlikely to

rise as fast as that of coal over

the next five years or so it is

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South Africa's uranium, exclu-

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Uranium will also play a big-

General Mining.

than Cons Gold. Certainly, no one can entertain any doubts about the relationship between Genmin and Unicorp.

With Angle and Cons Gold, however, the matter is less clear. The crucial company in South Africa, of course, is Gold Fields of South Africa, in which Cons Gold has a 46 per cent stake. From this direction, therefore, Anglo has an 11.5 per cent holding in GFSA.

But Anglo American Gold Investment Company, which is 47.3 per cent controlled by Anglo, holds 10.9 per cent of GFSA. Indirectly this is another 5.2 per cent of GFSA, bringing Anglo's stake through these companies in the other main competitor to about 16

Genmin is therefore Anglo's chief rival for dominance of South Africa's most important industry. Both companies carry grave responsibilities. In their different ways they understand that success in creating econo-mic growth and liberalizing employment practices and im-proving black wages are more important than communal ori-

In such vital fields their business rivalry is contained by the Chamber of Mines. These are the factors which will shape South Africa and the industry, not a lingering desire to resuscitate the Boer

Michael Prest

Higher sugar prices are likely

World sugar prices appear poised for a year of increasingly higher levels as the cata-logue of nations with serious production problems grows longer almost by the week. Respected West German sugar statistician Herr F. O. Licht, whose latest world supply

whose facts with apply assessment was released last week, sees markedly increased prices from new into 1981 in response to constant deteriorresponse to constant deterior-ation in prospects, while some market pundits go further and see the potential for dramatic increases perhaps even rival-ling the price explosion of 1974.

Proponents of the boom possibilities can point to a series of damage reports from a high proportion of the world's leading exporters, in-cluding notably Cuba which in February announced a current season shortfall of, a million tonnes, and a drop in planued shipments to her major customer, the Soviet Union, for the next five years.

Sugar rust disease is an important factor in the Cuban losses and this week the Dom-inican Republic declared major production cuts on account of rust, and hurricane damage. But a more widespread danger globally is the incidence of drought, now affecting producers as far apart as South America, South Africa, Australia, India and China to varying

India, for some years an im-portant exporter, and now facing a 15 per cent shortfall may need to buy as much as half a million connes this year to satisfy growing domestic con-sumption while the Soviet

degrees.

Union is almost certainly taking large tonnages now as part of total free market imports many times greater than normal.
In March, the International
Sugar organization (ISO) esti-

Commodities

mated Soviet free market imports at 1.5 million tonnes this year compared with only 118,000 last year, and some analysts believe the true figure could eventually exceed two million tonnes. In addition, with her traditional supplier Cuba facing major problems, some observers believe the Russians may already be negotiating for supplies as far ahead as 1981.

Other traditional exporters such as Mexico and Trinidad are also in trouble and seeking to buy outside supplies, while Brazil with a heavy commitment to the conversion of its motor industry to alcohol powered vehicles may have diverted too much sugar to its fuel programme and could be a read free

fuel programme and could be seriously over-sold on the free

Set against the problems plaguing mainly Third World producers is the likelihood of yet another good crop in the EEC, the world's largest ex-porter of refuned sugar. But after three consecutive years of record production, the odds for cyclical change of luck look

Given only average weather conditions over the next few months, the EEC's sugar yield could be 2 million tonnes down. Sugar is one of the world's pessimistic supply prognoses major raw materials covered by are close to the eventual truth.

an international agreement, the ISA between producers and consumers and like many such consumers and like many such accords contains devices for price stabilization. But this spring's marker rise to the highest levels for five years triggered off the ISA's final shot in defence of predetermined optimum prices.

The authorization to release special stocks has left the ISO with no further powers to intervene should producer problems over the next few months attract the sort of investment buying in futures which sent prices rocketing in 1974.

Incidentally, the United States has finally ratified the ISA after delaying the stock financing measures contained in the instruments for some two years, and it would be ironic if at this stage, the world market were to take off and leave the mark imponently standing on pack impotently standing on the sidelines for at least another

After the recent demise of the International Cocoa Agree-ment, there must be at least a little concern for the future of the ISA.

Some of those who presage a year of escalating prices on the basis of production problems envisage current levels of £250 per tonne rising to match 1974 peaks in excess of £600 per tonne. But more conserva-tive observers, while accepting the well-known reduction in this year's supply, argue that sugar is a remarkable flexible crop and swift recovery cannot be ruled out in many troubled

Comparisons with 1974 they say look risky, even if the most

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Mr A. H. Doggart will be executive director of Save & Prosper Group from May 5, 1986.

Mr A. B. Andrews and Mr D. McKechnie are now directors of Grattan Warehouses. Mr Andrews will be responsible for merchandise and Mr McKechnie for sales administration. Mr D. F. Cunse and Mr McKeennie for sales administration. Mr D. F. Cunningham becomes a non-executive director. Mr E. M. Watson, floance director, has resigned. Mr K. M. Gray, company secretary and administration director, has resigned and Mr A. Malcolm will be company secretary.

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Mr A. G. Thomas, a director of Greenall Whitley & Company becomes deputy chairman.

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SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP

Highlights from the Statement by the Chairman - Lord Aldington

General insurance in 1979 produced massive under writing losses for major British Offices. Because of the nature of our business, we, with an underwriting loss of £26.4m, have fared worse than

many of our competitors. Three major causes combined to produce heavy losses and two of these hit us, as the largest insurer of private houses in the United Kingdom, with especial severity.

First, there was the sudden and alarming resurgence in rates of inflation. Such sudden rises are costly and dangerous to insurance companies.

Secondly, cold weather during the winter of early 1979 in the United Kingdom and serious floods in December caused heavy losses. We estimate that exceptional weather claims on our Home business amounted to £12m. Extreme weather losses suffered overseas are estimated to have

Thirdly, the intensely competitive state of insurance markets throughout the world has seriously squeezed margins. This has happened quite often in the past but the dangers inherent in the process during a period of rampant inflation are self-evident and alarming-

Marine and Aviation results for the 1977 underwriting year produced an acceptable profit. The useful increase in life profits and rising rents and dividends together with higher interest rates helped to offset the underwriting losses. The Group's total profit before tax amounted to £49.2m compared with £59.5m in 1978.

Following the abolition of dividend limitation the Directors have resolved to declare a total dividend of 28p per share compared with a dividend of 22,505p for 1978 – an increase of 24.4%. We have retained in the business £17.2m out of the year's earnings, less than in 1978 and 1977, but our solvency margin remains strong at 72% of the premium income, which in sterling terms grew by 4.9% over 1978, or 9.2% after allowing for changes in the rates of exchange. Insurance should be healthily competitive but irrational competition caused by the surplus capacity

round the world has troubled as seriously for a number of years now. Despite the repeated warnings of leaders in our business there are still too few signs of any general acceptance of the need to charge premiums that are adequate for the risks accepted.

It will not be easy to achieve a sound level of underwriting profit over the years whilst high inflation lasts. We shall continue to strive to reduce our costs by greater efficiency using the latest methods, It is not unreasonable that our industry should ask the Government to give insurance companies an element of tax relief in inflationary times on some basis comparable with that of "stock relief" available to industrial companies.

HOME .

Fire

We are still having to make considerable premium adjustments in our efforts to retain desirable business.

Reduced rating levels coupled with an exceptional number of large claims have inevitably affected the underwriting profit which is substantially below the 1978 result. The continuing large number of deliberately caused fires is a matter for serious concern.

Although very satisfactory results were achieved from some classes, the severe underwriting losses from liability business caused a marked deterioration in the account as a whole.

Professional Indemnity claims increased significantly both in number and cost and all liability insurances were adversely affected by the escalation in the damages awarded for personal injury.

Motor

Premium rates were increased during the year but the costs and frequency of claims accelerated even more rapidly. Apart from the effects of inflation, results were adversely affected by the sharp rise in the number of road accidents during the severe winter weather in January and February and the imposition of the higher rate of V.A.T.

Personal For the third time in four years extreme weather conditions have

badly hit our results. Premium rates for domestic building insurances have remained unchanged for over half a century despite the many important extensions in cover that have been given in recent years. Substantial losses have made an increase in the rates inevitable and this is now being implemented.

Engineering Our specialist engineering substitiary, the National Vulcan, has again earned a profit.

OVERSEAS

Europe Despite the determined measures to improve our results in Germany, the Securitas suffered a further significant, though reduced, underwriting loss. In Denmark our companies made progress towards correcting the earlier adverse trends. Poor Fire experience was largely responsible for the loss on our operations in Holland and we suffered a loss on our French account. Stringent remedial action in Belgium led to a much improved result and our branch in Italy maintained its profitable development.

United States underwriting appears to be moving once again into a downwards cycle, and there was a considerably reduced profit at the end of a difficult year. We are grateful to our Managers, Chubb & Son, for their efforts and during the year we took the opportunity of increasing our holding in the share capital of The Chubb Corporation to almost 10%.

Although in line with market experience it is disappointing that our Canadian operation produced a significant loss.

With no real improvement in the general market situation, my warning last year of a decline in the profitability of our important Australian business has been justified all too soon. There is an urgent need to return to acceptable standards of underwriting,

Summary of Results

1978

1979

•	£m	£m
Premium Income		
General Business	546.1	520.7
Long-term Business	136.5	120.7
•	682.6	641.4
Underwriting Result —	-	. Pinellina
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General Business	(26.4)	(4.9)
Long-term Insurance Profits	4.9	4:0
Investment Income	70.3	59.8
Other Income	0.4	0.6
Profit before Taxation	49.2	59,5
Taxation	17.8	26.1
Profit after Taxation	3L4	. 33.4
Minority Interests	0.4	0.3
		
Profit attributable to Shareholders		· 33,1
Dividends	13.8	11.2
Profit Retained	17.2	21.9
Earnings per Share	62,9p	67.1p
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The Annual General Meeting of Sun Alliance and London Insurance Limited will be held on 28th May 1980 at the Head Office, Bartholomew Lane, London EC2N 2AB.

Other Territories Our operations in New Zealand produced a substantial underwriting

In the Caribbean, hurricanes took a scrious toll and in Africa our account suffered very heavily from the rioting in Liberia. Profitable expansion continued in the Middle East, and there was encouraging growth in South East Asia.

A satisfactory increase in premium income was achieved by Protea in South Africa and a modest underwriting profit was earned. The substantial Overseas account written in London produced satisfactory results.

REINSURANCE

There has been no easing of the difficulties of earning underwriting profits and there was a loss compared with the marginal profit last

MARINE & AVIATION
The 1977 account was closed at the end of 1979 and we have transferred £2.5m to the Profit and Loss Account.

In 1979 Marine Insurance markets were confronted with the worst hull casualty situation ever recorded in peace time. During the year remedial action was taken to improve hull rates and the London Market must continue to give a lead if this section of the business is to be put on a sound basis.

LONG-TERM INSURANCE

Individual Pension Arrangement business was buoyant and there was a welcome improvement in the sale of ordinary life assurance was a watches in the sale of ordinary life assurance policies; our new annual premium linked contract also had a good start. However, the amount of new mortgage-related business was disappointing. Sales of our Personal Pensions business received a modest sechack too. Taken overall, the increase in the amount of new annual premiums was satisfactory.

An actuarial valuation of the main Life Fund enabled a distribution of £22.7m to be made, and bonuses were maintained at the increased rates declared at the end of 1978. The total contribution to Profit and Loss Account amounted to £4.9m compared with £4m in 1978.

INVESTMENT

1979 was a poor year for the U.K. economy. The rate of inflation rose sharply and short term interest rates reached record levels by the year-end with M.L.R. standing at 17, ...

Throughout the year, rising oil prices gave sterling a considerable measure of strength, whilst the abolition of exchange controls resulted in the disappearance of the investment currency premium. Both factors reduced the sterling valuation of certain overseas

The overall surplus of market over book values in the General Funds was £183m. Investment income increased by 17.6% to £70.3m; excluding the effects of exchange movements, the underlying growth was 20.7%. The surplus over book values in the Long-term Funds

PROPERTY

The year was one of continued strength in U.K. property markets with substantial increases in rental and capital values. A number of major development projects were completed and let during the year and we currently have a development programme running to some £50m.

Conclusion

Although 1979 was one of the most difficult years in the history of the Group, we have significantly strengthened our reserves in the face of rising inflation and the rate increases being implemented wherever possible in unprofitable classes give us a firm basis for recovery.

always room for improvement in insurance, as in any other sphere, but this will be most effectively achieved by the individual companies competing to offer the highest standards of service and ensuring that premiums are fairly spread between policyholders.

The disappointing outcome for the year masks the considerable efforts that have been made throughout the organization and the successful achievements in many areas. Our staff have continued to work hard, and I thank them all sincerely,

We are very conscious of the continued pressures from some consumer interests alleging that the services provided by instance companies are lacking. There is no true ground for these allegations. The evidence shows clearly that we have not been found wanting in meeting the reasonable expectations of our policyholders and in 1979 we handled record numbers of claims involving substantial payments. There is

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this in turn resulted in vice is anybody's guess. rates jumping by some six

atmosphere. After Japan and the EEC nations had announced their backing for President Carter's trade sanc-tions very little chartering activity was undertaken.

For Japan, support means that it faces a substantial short-fall in its oil supplies and many in the market had expected Japanese charterers to enter immediately to book cargoes. However they maintained a low profile and like others seem prepared to wait events before

owners in all this is that after was booked to Greece at Worlda long period of rates being at the very poor level of around Worldscale 30 they are now moving upwards and may even reach the break-even point of included such destinations as Worldscale 40 in the next week India, Taiwan and East Africa.

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rush by some charterers to clear rise in the short-term but as their cargoes from the area and to overall market prospects, it

Large tonnage accounted for about half the vessels booked Initial panic was replaced as in the Gulf last week. Of the the week progressed by a more vices fixed, between Worldscale 32 and Worldscale 38.25 was paid for voyages to the United Kingdom/continent.

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Arco, Total and Socal were among those fixing such tonnage while Texaco arranged a ulcc to the UK/continent on the basis of Worldscale 24 for The one good thing for 26 for full steam. Another ulcc slow steaming and Worldscale scale 32. The remaining fixing done in the Gulf involved a variety of tonnage between 50,000 and 120,000 tonnes and

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The problems of the Middle East appeared to have little influence upon dry cargo trading. It tended to be a mixed week in the market with voyage business and time-chartering sharing the leading positions on different days, although the latter was the stronger overall.

Grain fixing started the week firm and some further gains were recorded. From the US Gulf to Taiwan \$43 was secured for a 20,000 tonne vessel, representing a rise of about \$1 while from the West Coast, \$35.50 was paid on a 30,000 tonne shipment. To Japan between 527 and \$32 was obtained for cargoes of 32,000 and 45,000

tonnes respectively. The Chinese were back in the market for both voyage and time-charter tonnage and among the former was a 30,000 tonne grain shipment from the US Gulf at \$43.

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Iran confrontation

The Eurobond market reacted badly to news that US military torces had failed in an attempt to rescue the American Embassy hostages in Tehran, writes AP-Dow Jones.

The disclosure came at a time when Eurobond salesmen were still working on placing much of the \$1.2bn of fixedrate international dollar bonds and notes that had been scheduled for offering in the past two weeks.

The news led to widespread dumping of unplaced issues. As a result, many of the recent offerings fell by between four and six points from the issue causing some severe losses among the underwriting firms. Moreover, bond specialists conceded that several current offerings, which have been

ahead of the selling period, no provide a marketlonger provide related return. Consequently, these sources say, it will be very difficult to

place the current offerings unless most of the commissions from issue price.

While it could be argued that the market's negative reaction to a worsening of the United States conflict with Iran was too

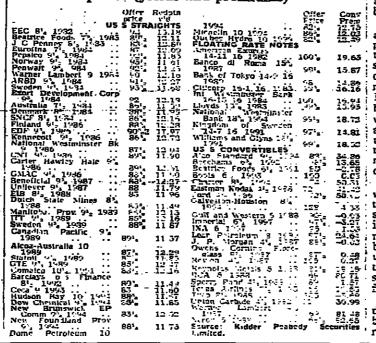
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emotional, some bankers pointed out that the conflict! could lead to a disruption of world oil supplies and higher energy prices.

In 1974 and again earlier this year, world bond markets collapsed mainly as a consequence price in aftermarket trading, of the inflationary effects of greatly increased energy costs. Bankers said that the threat by Iran's foreign minister, Mr Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, to stop oil shipments from passing from the Gulf to Western ports canunderwritten on fixed terms not be dismissed out of hand.

One bond trader also contended that heightened tensions in the Gulf will bring about increased United States military spending. This could add to United States inflation and increase federal debt demands and perhaps more are passed increase federal debt demands on to investors as discounts on the United States bond market, he asserted.

Eurobond prices (yields and premiums)



Wall Street

From Anthony Hilton, New York, April 27

Just four weeks ago American share prices were down within a whisker of their fiveyear low when Wall Street's Dow Jones index on March 27 dropped below 730. But so fast has sentiment changed that last week the New York Stock Exchange had the largest rise in

one week in its history. The Dow Jones Industrial Index, the blue chip barometer spared 40.18 points to break through the 800 mark once

again and settle at 803.58. Most of the gain occurred on Tuesday. It was the second best day ever according to the composite share index which charts the movement of all share prices. Even on the Dow it was the fifth best rise on record, and the best since November 1, 1978, when the Federal Reserve Board announced one of its first plans to raise interest rates and shore

up the dollar. Even the military adventures in Iran could only briefly dampen the enthusiasm. Prices fell 6 points when the exchange opened on Friday but recovered quickly thereafter and actually advanced 7 points by the end of the day.

The upswing which comes after two months of falling prices and a 14 point drop in the Dow is a result of falling short-term interest rates. Manyof the banks cut prime lending rates—the charge to their best inc. trial borrowers. A further halt p = 19 per cent last week, yields on Treasury bills and notes have tumbled dramatically and it is widely believed that medium and long-term rates will soon follow the shorts

The big question of course was whether the rise could con-tinue. Some analysts said it shows what could happen if the institutions really believe the market has turned. At the beginningof last veek most were under-invested in equities and they could panic again if they saw the market running away from them.

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Others less bullish said that the market had begun to see beyond high interest rates and rampant inflation, and that

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there were no longer a major fluctuation in the 750-800 rat depressant on share prices. But Others say the action will to come to grips place at higher levels between and 900 marks. with the threatened recession, and the depressing effect a will have on corporate earnings.

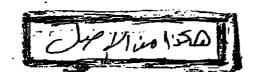
Opinion is divided on how deep and long lasting the dawn turn will be, so there will be the many uncertainties, not a continuing two-way pull on least of which is Iran for the market. Some analysts expect the

the 800 and 900 marks.

But the consensus, if ind it is one is that last wee rally was not likely to repeated quickly. There are s market to be able to suppor long term advance.

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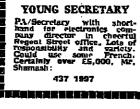
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0-minute play on BBC 2 this evening is called Feelifax ad is on a theme of what one might call mitro-chips with ng. The scene is a house of the near future, where life lied by electronic gadgets which not only carry out their it also provide inspiring conversation. Difficulties arise, when the machines go in for a little marriage guidance ing on the side. Kenneth Haigh and Rosemary Martin married couple with problems, while Clive Harrison is er and Madeline Smith the fridge (and that adds a whole ension to Method acting).

londay Play (Radio 4, 7.45) is A Very Nuclear Family, ter/Phillips. It deals with the old problem of the ds living in the same house as the parents of one of t in this case the family turns out to be a very strange a start there is this obsession with wedding presents, blusbing bride threatens suicide while her mother pays usband the kind-of attention which is not exactly normal rusband himself goes in for rabbit-poisoning. Happy

The 27-Year (tch (Radio 4, 6.30); Hugh Paddick and raden make a splendid comedy team (have done for dear) and Barry Pilton's scripts are sharp and witty. er a little gem of a programme.

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6.40 am Open University; Is Fiscal Policy Stabilising? 7.05 Patterns In Inequality. 7.30 Nasser 1967. Close-down at 7.55. J.52 For Schools, Colleges; Europe from the Air: Lights in the Dark-ness (r). 10.15-10.35 Music Time; in the Town 2 (r). 11.00 Merry-go-Round: Orkney—Vikings,

11.25 You and Me: Wash and Dry.
11.40 For Schools, Colleges,
Encounter Iraly: Town and
Country (r). Closedown at 11.55.
12.45 pm News.

1.00 . Pebble Mill at Oue: Star guests are singer Matt Munro and ex-Liver Bird Polly James, Also, practical help for a handicapped practical help for a nanographed child, a report from the needle-making capital of the world (Redditch) and another instillment of Plan Your Land, for which an accompanying book is published finday.

1.45 Over the Moon: High and Low (r). 2.01 For Schools, Colleges. Words and Pictures: The Little Boy's Secret (r). 2.18 Out of the Past: Bottle it up! (r). 2.40 Going

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6.40 am Open University: 6.40 Data Transmission Networks; 7.95 Crashing with Safety; 7.30 Maths — Differential Equations. Close down at 7.55. 11.00 Play School: Same as BBC 1

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4.50 Open University: The Structured Interview; 5.15 Glibbon and the Ruins of Rome; 5.40 Language Development; 6.05 M101, 31 Math-

9.30 am For Schools: 9.30 My World: Shapes and Faces, 9.47 Finding Out: Black Harvest, 10.05 History Around You: A Village.

10,20 Untamed Frontier : African Engles (r).

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10.43 For Schools. 10.43 A Place to Live: Spring in the Woods, part two, 11.05 Insight: Police. 11.22 Picture Box: The Little Diver. 11.39 Making a Living: Finding Somewhere to Live.

12.00 Choriton and the Wheelies: The adventures of Choriton the dragon, Fenella the Witch and co. (r).

12.10 pm Rainbow: Windy. 12.30 One Step Ahead: The First Step. Which subjects should 14-

1.20 Thames News.
1.30 About Britain: Wynford Vaugtan-Thomas ravels the drovers' roads of Wales.
2.00 Against the Wind: Third epi-

sode of the tale of an Irish girl transported to Australia in the

elghreenth century. 2.30 House of Secrets: Michael Craig stars in this film as the lookalike of a counterfeiter who is

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year-olds choose at school? (r). 1.00 News with Peter Sissons.

of Sunday's programme!

3.55 Play School: The presenters
this week are Carol Leader and
Don Spencer. Today's story is. Mr
Tail and Mr Small, by Barbara-4.20 Cheggers Plays Pop : Keith Chegwin' Introduces more music and fun, with guests Matchbox and The Undertones. 4.40 Godzilla: Cartoos. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround

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7.20 The Dukes of Hazzard: The Rustlers. The Duke family falls foul of Boss Hogg and Sheriff Coltrane again, this time over the matter of a horse, race—not at all

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5.55 Snooker: Frame of the Day,
7.20 News with subtitles for the
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7.20 Cantilena: The last of three
recitals by the chamber orchestra
from Glasgow features works by
Handel, Vivaldi and Gossec.
8.00 Bird Spot: Tony Soper turns
his attention to the kestrel, a bird
of prey common because of the
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and turned them to its own advantage: 9.25 Reclifax : Thirty-minute com-

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director.
11,20 Beliamy's Europe: David Bel-

10.05 Snooker: They're still bat-tling to pocket a packet. 10.45 Newsnight: The rews programme they said would be dif-ferent from the other news pro-grammes. I'm still waiting. 11.20 Snooker : Cueing for the title (this can't go on).

11.45 Russian—Language and People: Part 16 (four more to go). A visit to Leningrad and a further instalment of Goodbye, Summer.

Competition Act. Also a feature on beer and a look at the political battle over rates.

6.00 Thames News with Andrew Gardner. 6.35 Crossroads : Dirty work at the 7.00 LingalongaMax: A note of nostalgia with Max Bygraves, Lor-raine Chase, Bob Dixon and the Tony Mansell Singers. The year is 1947.

7:30 Coronation Street: Bet Lynch has a new home and Gail Tilsley wishes she had one.
8.09 Young at Heart: John Mills and Megs Jenkius as a geriatric George and Mildred. 8.30 World in Action: The Pound in Their Pocket. How retired people and the low-paid are surviving with inflation hitting 20 per

4.15 Clapperboard: Chris Kelly recalls the work of George Albert Smith as part of his history of the British cinema.

4.45 Enid Blyton's Famous Five: 10.30 The Dion Brothers; Stacy Second episode of Five Go to Smuggler's Top. 5.15 Money-Go-Round: Joan Shenton and Tony Bastable talks to the Consumer Affairs Minister, Mrs Sally Oppenheim, about the new 19.00 Fox: If It's Good Enough for New Orleans It's Good Enough for Clapham: No comment.

10.30 The Dion Brothers; Stacy Keach as one of a pair of mining brothers who exchange a life of grant for News.

12.15 am Close: Bernard Hepfon reads A Widow's Weeds, by Walter de la Mare. WAVELENGTHS: Radio 1 medium wave 275m/1089kHz or 285m/1083kHz Radio 2 med wave 330m/909kHz or 433m/693kHz and 88-91 VHF. Radio 3 med wave 247m/1215kHz and 90-92.5 VHF. Radio 4 long wave 1500m/200kHz and 92-95 VHF. Greater London area only; med wave 720kHz/417m. LBC 251m, 97.3 VHF. Capital 194m, 95.8 VHF. World Service: med wave 648kHz (463m). BBC Radio London 206m, 94.9 VHF.

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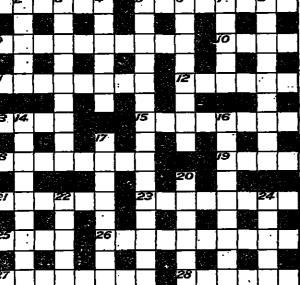
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